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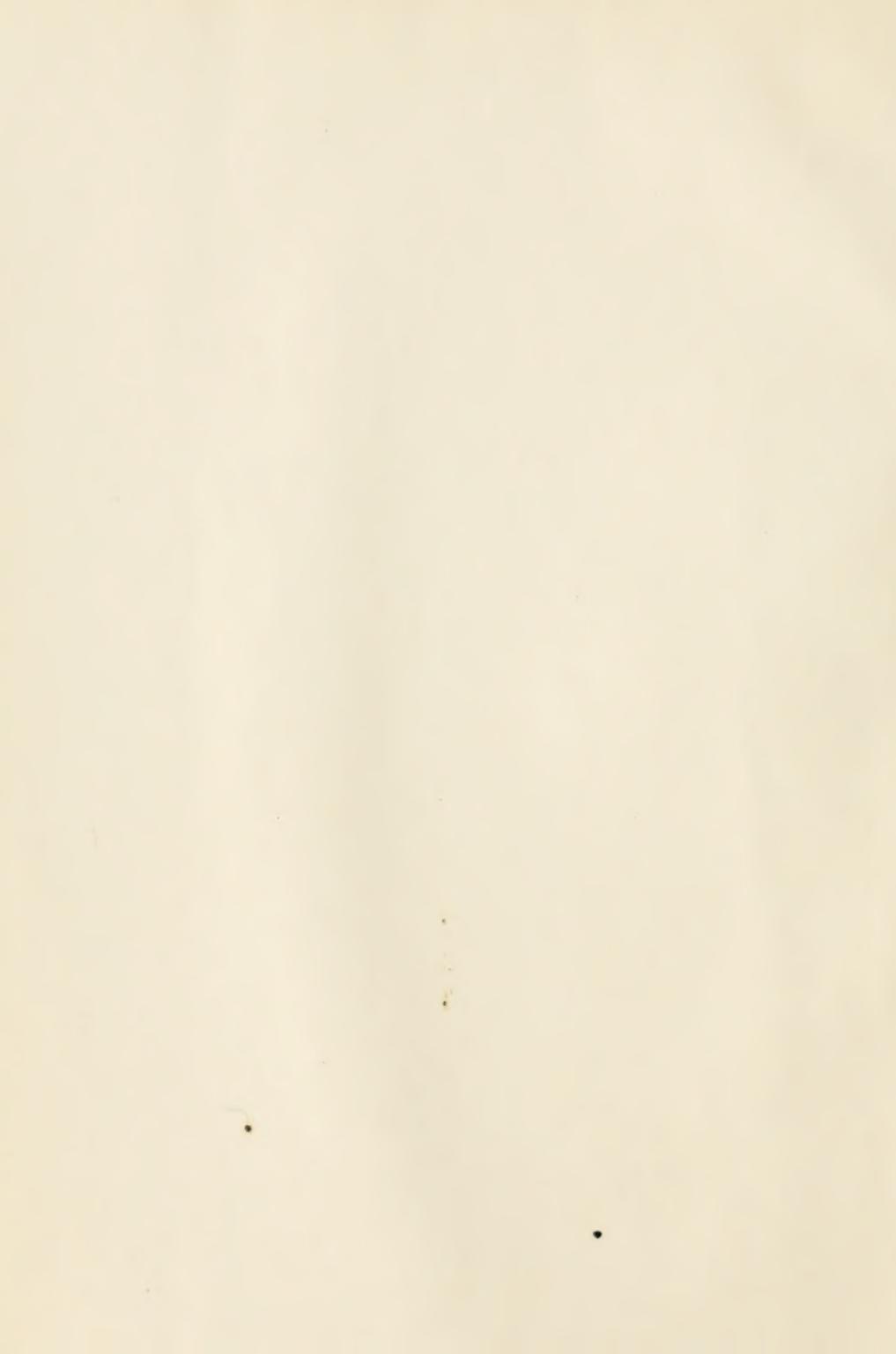


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## THE PIONEERS

long since departed. May the memory of those who laid down their burdens  
by the wayside ever be fragrant as the breath of summer  
flowers, for their toils and sacrifices have made  
Boone County a garden of  
sunshine and delight.

## AUTHOR'S INTRODUCTION.

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To write a history is but to commit to words in type events as they have transpired, and to be pure history, it must be colored as little as possible by the views or personal opinions of the writers.

In presenting this history of Boone county, the author has attempted in every instance, to refrain from the expression of his opinions and to give the facts, indeed, it will be noticed, by the careful observer, that the same incident is given, in some instances, in different language, in more than one place, because coming from different sources of seemingly equal authority. I make no claim to originality, but have, with great care and much labor, sifted every possible particle of information, hoping from the mass to collect the best and most important facts and events for preservation.

It has been impossible to publish all of the matter placed at my disposal; much has, no doubt, been omitted which should have been published, and much, perhaps, has been published which the reader will consider superfluous. Much information, in the possession of those who should have been glad to furnish it, has been omitted for lack of interest of those parties and their failure to furnish me the facts, though often requested so to do.

The author desires to express his appreciation of the assistance of each and every one that has aided in the work and especially the press of the county, Strange N. Cragin and Ben F. McKey. Also the author desires to pay tribute to the careful and faithful work of Messrs. Harden and Spahr, who published a history of Boone county in 1887.

The earnest endeavor on my part to give a complete history of the county to December 1, 1914, will, I trust, be appreciated.

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## PREFACE.

All life and achievement is evolution; present wisdom comes from past experience, and present commercial prosperity has come only from past exertion and suffering. The deeds and motives of the men who have gone before have been instrumental in shaping the destinies of later communities and states. The development of a new country was at once a task and a privilege. It required great courage, sacrifice and privation. Compare the present conditions of the people of Boone county, Indiana, with what they were one hundred years ago. From a trackless wilderness and virgin land, it has come to be a center of prosperity and civilization, with millions of wealth, systems of railways, grand educational institutions, splendid industries and immense agricultural and mineral productions. Can any thinking person be insensible to the fascination of the study which discloses the aspirations and efforts of the early pioneers who so strongly laid the foundation upon which has been reared the magnificent prosperity of later days? To perpetuate the story of these people and to trace and record the social, political and industrial progress of the community from its first inception is the function of the local historian. A sincere purpose to preserve facts and personal memoirs that are deserving of perpetuation, and which unite the present to the past, is the motive of the present publication. The work has been in the hands of an able writer, who has, after much patient study and research, produced here the most complete historical memoirs of Boone county ever offered to the public. A specially valuable and interesting department is that devoted to the sketches of representative citizens of this county whose records deserve preservation because of their worth, effort and accomplishment. The publishers desire to extend their thanks to the citizens of Boone county for the uniform kindness with which they have regarded this undertaking and for their many services rendered in the gaining of necessary information.

In placing the "History of Boone County, Indiana," before the citizens, the publishers can conscientiously claim that they have carried out the plan as outlined in the prospectus. Every biographical sketch in the work has been submitted to the party interested, for correction, and therefore any error of fact, if there be any, is solely due to the person for whom the sketch was prepared. Confident that our efforts to please will fully meet the approbation of the public, we are,

Respectfully,

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## HON. SAMUEL M. RALSTON.

The rise of a man from farmer boy, ox driver, coal miner, country school teacher, to the highest office within the gift of the people of a sovereign state, is an evidence of greatness—greatness of energy, of ability, of perseverance, of heart qualities and of character. Such is the life story of the subject of this sketch.

Samuel Moffett Ralston, governor of Indiana, was born on a farm near New Cumberland, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, December 1, 1857. His father, John Ralston, was a native of Virginia, and his mother, Sarah Ralston, nee Scott, was born in Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, Andrew Ralston, was born in Scotland February 25, 1753, and came to this country with his parents when but a small boy. With the exception of Andrew and a sister, the entire Ralston family was massacred by the Indians in Pennsylvania. Grown to manhood, Andrew served for seven years in the Revolutionary war as a member of the Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment and was taken prisoner on Long Island August 27, 1776. When the war was over he married Sophia Waltemeyer, of Irish descent, and moved to Ohio, where they reared a family. Andrew Ralston lies buried by the side of his wife in Beech Spring cemetery, Harrison county, Ohio.

Governor Ralston came to this state with his parents in the spring of 1865, when they moved to Owen county, Indiana, where his father purchased and operated a large stock farm. In his early youth Mr. Ralston did not have an opportunity to secure an education, but early in his young manhood he realized that if he was to achieve the position in life that his ambitions sought for that he must have an education, so he applied himself until he was able to secure a license to teach school. For seven years he taught school

during the winter months and attended summer school during the summer. During all this time a portion of his earnings went to the support of his parents, his father having failed financially in the panic of 1873. He attended the Northern Indiana School at Valparaiso and the Central Indiana Normal School at Danville, Indiana, graduating from the latter institution in the scientific course in August, 1884.

He studied law in the office of Robinson & Fowler at Spencer, Indiana, and was admitted to the bar January 1, 1886, and located in Lebanon, Indiana, in June of that year, for the practice of his profession. He is a lawyer of distinction, having taken part in the trials of some of the most important cases in the state. He has few equals as a cross-examiner of witnesses and is especially strong in cases involving the rules of equity or the constitutionality of statutes. In the prosecution of cases he is vigorous and is regarded by many as one of the foremost defensive criminal lawyers of the state.

He was nominated by his party for governor of Indiana in 1912, by acclamation. He is the only governor of this state since Thomas A. Hendricks to have been so honored by a political party. In the election of 1912 he carried eighty-three of the ninety-two counties and received a plurality of one hundred and nine thousand two hundred and thirty-three.

He was president of the Lebanon school board, August 1, 1908, to July 31, 1911. He was also presidential elector in 1892-3. Other than the above, he never held public office until he was inaugurated governor of Indiana on the 13th day of January, 1913.

While attending normal school at Danville, Mr. Ralston made the acquaintance of Miss Jennie Craven, of Hendricks county, Indiana, who was also preparing to teach. Common interests and a strong mutual attraction brought them closer together and resulted in an early engagement. Mrs Ralston's many excellent qualities are obvious even to the superficial observer. Her good sense and pronounced love of simplicity, her sincerity, and devotion to principle make her the ardent supporter of all measures that contribute to domestic happiness and social well-being. During the years that Mr. Ralston studied law Miss Craven taught at Bloomington and Elletsville. In 1889 they were married and at once began housekeeping at Lebanon, where their home became known for its hospitality, amiability and cheer. The restful harmony that prevailed there from the first was felt in the entire community. The many fine qualities that endear Mr. Ralston to his clients, to his asso-

ciates, and the children are most strongly in evidence at home where Mrs. Ralston spends in like measure the full force of her fine personality. As is usual in such fortunate marriages, the superior mental and moral endowments of the wife are a constant source of encouragement and inspiration to the husband. He owes much to the good sense and genuineness of her nature and above all to her high standard of masculine integrity and professional probity. These quiet years of happy domestic life have fixed in each the fundamental principles of sane, sound living. Their convictions on the sacredness of home life, and the paramount necessity of preserving such domestic ideals in high places make these two people the safest possible guardians of the first home of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralston have three children, Emmet Grattan, an electrical engineer, having graduated from Purdue University; Julian Craven, a student at Indiana University, and Ruth, a pupil in Shortridge High School at Indianapolis.

Politically, Mr. Ralston has always been identified with the Democratic party. His devotion to the party of his choice is based on the careful study of Jeffersonian principles. Those who know him most intimately are unanimous in praise of his remarkable personality and declare that his sincerity and wholesome love for mankind give him a power that places him high above mere party consideration.

In proof of his political sagacity and sound judgment in the interpretation of the federal constitution it is both opportune and fitting to make some note of a speech delivered by Mr. Ralston in June, 1900, when presiding over the Democratic State convention. In that year and some years previous much has been said in advocacy of congressional legislation for the more effective control of trusts. Many Republican and a few Democratic congressmen contended that Congress has no power to control the giant combinations without a constitutional amendment. In September or October of 1900 Philander C. Knox, then a member of President McKinley's cabinet, made his great speech in support of the proposition that a constitutional amendment is not necessary to enable Congress to deal successfully and efficiently with the trust question. As before stated, Mr. Ralston spoke on the same subject in June, 1900, some months before Mr. Knox. Capable judges who heard Mr. Ralston on that occasion pronounced his keynote speech the most forceful utterance his party had ever heard on a similar occasion, and

on the motion of the venerable David S. Gooding, of Greenfield, the convention did the unusual thing of extending to Mr. Ralston a rising vote of thanks for his masterly effort. This terse, positive statement illustrates the force of his reasoning and the effectiveness of his judgment:

"Under the constitution given us by the fathers, this government has the power to deal effectively with anything that makes against the general welfare. If it has not this power, then it has not the power to live."

Always actively identified with the Democratic party, Mr. Ralston on several occasions has had conferred upon him nominations on his party ticket. He was his party's candidate for joint senator for Boone, Clinton and Montgomery counties in 1888, but after a brilliant race went to defeat with his party in a hopelessly Republican district. In 1896 he was nominated for secretary of state, and again in 1898, but each time suffered defeat at the polls, not by reason of personal unpopularity but because the fortunes of his party were lost in the tide of popular disfavor. In each race he made a splendid showing. In 1898 he led his ticket, carrying Boone county by over five hundred votes—the largest plurality given there in years to any candidate on any ticket.

When Mr. Ralston was a candidate for governor in 1908 and in 1912, Boone county loyally stood back of him and enthusiastically supported him.

The first public gathering held in the new court house at Lebanon was a non-partisan meeting held by the citizens of Boone county on January 3, 1912, in the interest of Mr. Ralston's candidacy for the nomination for governor. This meeting, in size, enthusiasm and sentiment expressed, surpassed anything of the kind in the history of the county, if not of the state. All Boone county participated in that demonstration. No finer tribute could have been paid to the man and the citizen. Representatives from all ranks of society were one in their spontaneous expressions of regard. Of his qualifications for the office all were assured. His learning and versatility were repeatedly emphasized, his moral qualities as warmly commended. But best of all was the ready recognition of his kindness, of his broad charity and of his magnanimity of judgment. It is these essentially human qualities that have endeared him to his community.

More noteworthy, perhaps, than the meeting just described was the one held by the women of Boone county. Regardless of political affiliations, the women came from all parts of the county to give expression to their high

regard for Mr. Ralston. The large court room in the new court house could not accommodate the audience and scores were unable to gain admittance. The women enthusiastically praised him as a citizen and a neighbor and voiced their faith in him as one able to measure up to their high standard of manhood and citizenship.

Governor Ralston's remarkable strength of body and mind, his quick and sure insight into the intricacies of civic machinery, his readiness for instant action have given him a wonderful mastery over the numerous details of his office and made him a most excellent judge of state and economic problems and singular courage and determination have marked his conduct while in office. He is absolutely fearless in the execution of measures that seem to him right and necessary. No selfish consideration can dissuade him from a judgment that he pronounces sound, that calls for prompt and efficient action.

During the session of the Legislature of 1913 a public utilities bill was before that body. While the bill was in the Senate it was the subject of many conferences and much delay was had in bringing the bill to a vote. It has been subsequently revealed that it was the plan of those opposed to the passage of the bill to delay action upon it until such a date as it would be impossible to secure the passage of a desirable utility measure. One of the means by which those opposed to the measure sought to throttle its passage was a secret caucus. Relative to the desirability of throwing the public utility measure out of caucus and putting it upon the floor of the Senate for open discussion, Governor Ralston gave out the following statement:

"I have been careful, since becoming Governor, to say and do nothing that would give any one ground for thinking I was trying, as Governor, to usurp the functions of the legislature, and I shall continue to pursue this course.

"I cannot close my eyes to the fact, however, that the legislature is nearing its constitutional time limit, and that many important bills are yet to be acted upon. One of these is the public utilities bill.

"I regret very much the seeming inability of the Senate to make proper headway with this measure. I feel certain that the majority of the Democratic Senators favor the passage of the bill. Every Democratic Senator with whom I have spoken on the subject has assured me he was in favor of a good utility law.

"In view of the fact, therefore, that the Senate is overwhelmingly

Democratic, and that no Democratic Senator has declared against a utility law, and that all the minority members are giving out that they too are for such legislation. *I wish the Democratic Senators who stand for the right sort of legislation on this subject would favor calling off the caucus on the Shively-Spencer bill, so that the proposed amendments to it might be fought out in the open on the floor of the Senate.* The people are entitled to know where the Democratic party stands on this measure and if this bill is to be amended before its passage, so that it will be worthless as a law, or if it is to be killed, the people are entitled to know the influences that defeated the public will."

Needless to say he carried his point and secured the desired legislation.

Soon after the adjournment of the legislature he was confronted with the flood situation—the most serious the state ever knew. He gave himself up entirely to the relief work at the sacrifice of all personal comfort and devoted himself so untiringly to the task that he was forced to spend but an inconsiderable sum of the state's money for the relief of the distressed.

Allusion has already been made to the Governor's unusual moral courage. He had ample opportunity to test it during the period of legislative activity. That he is a man possessed of real heroism, of such physical courage as makes heroes on the battle field and martyrs if need be in the forum, was strikingly illustrated during the great street-car strike in Indianapolis in October and November, 1913. It was a situation in which ordinary men would have failed in effort or shirked in duty, but Governor Ralston stood his ground and proved his mettle to the admiration of all who with feeling of intense anxiety and no little apprehension witnessed the scene. The strike had with premeditation been called on the eve of the city election in the hope of embarrassing the executive by the necessity of calling out the troops to avert riot and insurrection. The Governor had up to this time been unsuccessful in effecting an adjustment between the striking employees and the traction company. The Mayor insisted that the Governor call a special session of the Legislature and secure the passage of a compulsory arbitration law: the merchants' association and business interests demanded that the Governor call out the National Guard to establish order; the Union men protested that such an act would precipitate riot and bloodshed such as had never been seen there before. A state of riot and insurrection prevailed; the police were utterly unable to cope with the situation and many threats were made upon the life of the Governor. On the night of November 5th, the Governor

called out the entire National Guard. By morning many companies were on their way to Indianapolis. The situation was tense when a meeting of the strikers and their sympathizers was called on the State House lawn at noon on November 6.

A crowd estimated as high as eight thousand gathered on the lawn at the south door of the building to protest against the calling out of the troops. They had been harangued by strike leaders. A cry was started for the Governor to address them. Contrary to the solicitous advice of friends the Governor appeared on the State House steps. An intense—yea, ominous—silence had settled upon the crowd. The Governor delivered a masterly speech that not only allayed fear and apprehension but broke the backbone of the strike. He spoke without preparation but with profound thoughtfulness, just as the seriousness of the situation prompted. In substance, Governor Ralston spoke thus:

"I appreciate more than I have the ability to express your kind invitation to have a word with you this afternoon on this serious occasion. I said to the committee that called upon me this morning representing labor, that I knew, from personal experience while making my living as a laborer, what it was to be hungry and that having had that experience, my sympathy went out to you. In making this reference to my experience, I am not begging the question. I did not beg when I was hungry and by the Eternal I shall not beg now.

"A few days ago, on the Court House grounds in this city, there assembled a large outdoor meeting of laboring people. This meeting was addressed by lawyers and ministers of this city; and I cannot express my appreciation of the resolutions passed by the laboring men there assembled to the effect that the law must be enforced and that peace must be maintained. In the course I am pursuing I am supporting those resolutions, and it is a source of great comfort and encouragement to me as your Governor when you say to me by those resolutions that you propose to help me preserve life and property in Indianapolis.

"I would have different conditions here if it were possible for me to do so. I have not brought about present conditions, as you know, but I shall endeavor to avoid a repetition of them. If my life is spared, I shall take a stand at the next session of the legislature for an arbitration law *that will*

*arbitrate.* The orderly course of society must not be interfered with by industrial controversies.

"But I am now confronted with conditions requiring immediate action. On the 13th day of last January, and it may prove an unfortunate day for me, I took a solemn oath to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and that oath I propose to respect. You would not have me do otherwise. Within the last five days, lives have been sacrificed and property destroyed in our streets and it is not for me to debate who is at fault. I know that life and property are not secure here and that I must do what I can to make them secure everywhere in our State. The sacrifice of lives and property must cease and whatever course is taken will be to that end, and I appeal to you to uphold me—to uphold me in the enforcement of the law and the preservation of order."

The men went away assured in their own hearts that they had a friend in the Governor's chair; that he knew their burdens and was willing to share them with them. Capital knew that he was a man who could not be stampeded by the shouts and demands of a mob. With eighteen hundred guardsmen at his command and with the exercise of keen personal judgment and rare courage, Governor Ralston was able to control the situation. He refused to put the troops into the streets to force the immediate operation of cars, but demanded that the street-car company through him treat with the strikers. His firmness won the day. His service as arbitrator was effective and the city of Indianapolis returned to normal life.

Governor Ralston has an abiding faith in the destiny of our nation and in its ability to overcome all difficulties to which it may be subjected. In his address at Notre Dame University, May 30, 1914, he said:

"In searching for a standard by which to square our own lives, we should not forget that some things have been accomplished and said in this country that are beyond the power of man to improve upon. The establishment of republican government—of liberty regulated by law—by our revolutionary fathers and the result of the war between the States will ever be, I verily believe, the crest of civilization. There is nothing beyond these of worldly achievement. When the Fathers brought forth this nation, they did it in support of the affirmation that all men are created equal. Not equal of course as determined by the tape line. Not equal in gray matter. But equal in their right to feed themselves upon the bread earned with their own hands;

equal in their right to a fair opportunity to get on in the world unimpeded by the greed of man through the perversion of the functions of government—equal before the law. And it must be in harmony with this conception of what is right between man and man that this government will overcome its difficulties in the future, both internal and external."

Thus is presented a fair view of him who by the potent voice of the people has been assigned to the chief magistracy of the State of Indiana. Strong, efficient, and faithful, he guides with a master hand the affairs of the State that has always been ready to do its share of the nation's work. As the chief executive of the commonwealth he has risen to social eminence without forgetting for a moment the humble home from which he came. Neither power nor position has marred his innate good will towards all mankind. When future generations, through the perspective of time, shall look back on the record of Samuel Moffett Ralston and weigh his work with the standard of changed conditions, they will with one accord pay sweetest reverence to him who loved his fellow-men.

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#### ELZA O. ROGERS.

There is no member of the Boone county bar who occupies a higher position in the estimation of the people than does Elza O. Rogers, who, after four years of commendable work as mayor of the city of Lebanon, is now retiring from that office with the lasting gratitude of the people. During his many years of practice he has built up a very large clientele and he occupies an envied position before the public in that he is regarded as an exceedingly safe counsellor in all matters pertaining to legal questions. It speaks well for any man who may have the confidence of the people to such an extent that he is regarded as especially adapted to the settlement of estates and matters of equity. Mr. Rogers holds this position. His services are likewise in large demand where the drawing of intricate papers is involved; in fact, as a lawyer, he is easily the peer of any of his professional brethren throughout this section of the Hoosier commonwealth, and the honorable distinction already achieved at the bar is an earnest of the still wider sphere of

usefulness that he is destined to fill, and the higher honors to be achieved in years to come, as he is only in the prime of manhood and a close observer of the trend of the times and an intelligent student of the great questions and issues upon which the thought of the best minds of the world are centered.

Mr. Rogers was born in Clinton township, Boone county, Indiana, February 16, 1877. He is a son of James R. and Mary I. (Waddel) Rogers. The father was born in Hancock county, Indiana, but removed to Boone county when young and established his future home, becoming a successful farmer and highly respected citizen, and here he is still engaged in general agricultural pursuits. The mother of our subject was born in Boone county and here grew to womanhood and was educated in the common schools. She is a representative of one of our pioneer families.

Elza O. Rogers was reared on the home farm and there assisted with the general work when a boy, and he received his primary education in the rural schools of his native township, later studied at the Marion Normal school, at Marion, Indiana. He began life for himself as a teacher, which profession he followed with much success for a period of eight years, all in Clinton township but two terms in Center township. He was popular with both pupils and patrons and his services were in great demand and he gave every promise of becoming one of the county's leading educators; but believing that his true bent was in another direction, he took up the study of law while still engaged in teaching, pursuing Blackstone and Kent under the direction of Judge S. R. Artman, and later attended the law department of the Marion Normal in 1901. In February, 1902, he began practicing his profession in Lebanon in partnership with W. H. Parr, now Judge Parr, their business association continuing with mutual benefit until Mr. Parr was elected judge in 1908, whereupon Mr. Rogers formed a partnership with ex-Judge B. S. Higgins, which has continued to the present time with ever-increasing success, until this is now one of the busiest and best known legal firms in this section of the state. Mr. Rogers practices in all the state and federal courts, where he is known as a painstaking, persistent, scholarly and courteous advocate and a forceful and eloquent pleader.

Politically, Mr. Rogers is a Republican and is one of the party leaders in Boone county, having long made his influence felt for the good of the same. He has for many years been, most of the time, a member of the Republican County Executive Committee, and has been a frequent delegate to

state and district conventions. In the fall of 1904 he was elected city attorney of Lebanon, serving six years, or until January 1, 1910. In the fall of 1909 he was elected mayor of the city of Lebanon and took office January 1, 1910, serving four years, or until January 5, 1914. Thus for a continuous period of ten years he has been one of the leading local public officials, and all will acquiesce in the statement that during that decade he has done a great deal that will be of permanent benefit to the county-seat and community, having discharged his duties in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all classes, never failing in his efforts to upbuild the city and enforce law and bring about a high state of moral and wholesome citizenship. He is a member of the county and state bar associations, and fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic Order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Rogers was married February 10, 1909, to Gertrude Avery, a lady of many commendable attributes, a daughter of M. D. and Emma (Pollard) Avery, both parents now deceased. Mr. Avery was a noted educator in northern Indiana, and for some time was superintendent of schools at Zionsville, and later professor of English in the State Normal School of Minnesota. Late in life he retired from this vocation and turned his attention to fruit farming in Minnesota. His death occurred in 1907. His wife died at the birth of their daughter, Gertrude. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, which died in infancy, unnamed.

Personally, Mr. Rogers is a gentleman of exemplary habits, genial, a good mixer, broad-minded, plain and unassuming.

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#### GEORGE E. ADAMS.

One of the men who has stamped the impress of his strong individuality upon the minds of the people of the locality of which this volume treats in a manner as to render him one of the conspicuous characters of the community is George E. Adams, who has had a somewhat varied career, engaging in different lines of business with equal success, and he is now the efficient and popular cashier of the Boone County State Bank at Lebanon. Faithfulness

to duty and a strict adherence to a fixed purpose, which always do more to advance one's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances, have been dominating factors in his life, which has been replete with honor and success worthily attained. He is a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of this county, and many of the strong characteristics of his progenitors seem to have cropped out in him, and he has been most vigilant in keeping unsullied the reputation of Adamses who have ever been noted for their unswerving honesty, their hospitality and their readiness to assist in the up-building of their community in any way.

Mr. Adams was born on a farm in Center township, Boone county, June 15, 1868. He is a son of Andrew J. and Julia A. (Kiser) Adams, both parents natives of Shelby county, Kentucky, where they grew to maturity, were educated in the old-time rural schools and were married and there resided until in 1855, when they removed to Johnson county, Indiana, remaining there until in 1866, when they came to Boone county and established the future home of the family on a farm in Center township, owning a good farm and becoming highly esteemed citizens. The father died December 26, 1913, and the mother was called to her eternal rest on April 27, 1893.

George E. Adams was reared on the home farm, where he worked when a boy, and he received his early education in the district schools, after which he began farming for himself, which line of work he continued with very gratifying results until 1906, when he purchased the tile factory and saw-mill at Max, this county, and operated them successfully until at the November election of that year, when he was elected clerk of the county court, the duties of which he assumed on January 1, 1907, serving one term of four years in a manner that won the hearty commendation of all concerned, his term of office expiring January 1, 1911. He was one of the organizers of the Boone County State Bank in 1911 and on February 1, 1913, he took a position with the Boone County State Bank at Lebanon as cashier, which he continues to fill in a manner that reflects much credit upon his ability, honesty and industry, giving satisfaction to both the stockholders and patrons of this sound and popular institution, in this, as in other positions, measuring up to the full requirements in every respect. He is one of our most capable business men.

Politically, Mr. Adams is a Democrat and is loyal in his support of the

party's principles. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Adams was married December 9, 1903, to Cora M. Richardson, a daughter of Jonathan and Sarah E. (Baker) Richardson, a highly respected Boone county family. Here Mrs. Adams grew to womanhood and received a good education.

One child has been born to our subject and wife, which died in infancy, unnamed.

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#### ROY W. ADNEY.

The men most influential in promoting the advancement of society and in giving character to the times in which they live are two classes—the men of study and the men of action. Whether we are more indebted for the improvement of the age to the one class or the other is a question of honest difference of opinion; neither can be spared and both should be encouraged to occupy their several spheres of labor and influence zealously and without mutual distrust. In the following paragraphs are briefly outlined the leading facts and characteristics in the career of a gentleman who combines in his makeup the elements of the scholar and the energy of the public-spirited man of affairs. Devoting his energies to the law, Roy W. Adney, the efficient and popular county attorney of Boone county, has made his influence felt in a most potent manner in the locality of which this history treats, occupying as he does a prominent place in his profession and standing high in the esteem of all classes. All who come within range of his influence are profuse in their praise of his admirable qualities, and the high regard in which he is held, not only professionally but socially, indicates the possession of attributes and characteristics that fully entitle him to the respect and consideration of his fellowmen.

Mr. Adney was born October 29, 1879, in Lebanon, Indiana, and he is a son of Isaac S. and Eva L. (Brown) Adney. The father was a native of Lebanon, and the mother came from near Knoxville, Tennessee. The Adneys came from Maryland to Indiana, first settling near Liberty, later removing to Boone county. Isaac S. Adney was in his earlier life a farmer, but for many years he has been engaged successfully in the milling business, main-

taining both a sawmill and grain mill, and although he is now past seventy years of age is still active, hale and hearty. Politically, he is a Democrat and he served one term as county commissioner. The mother of our subject also survives.

Roy W. Adney's parents removed with him when he was a year old to a farm near Lebanon and there he lived until he was thirteen years old, in the meantime attending the district schools, and after moving back to Lebanon he studied in the city schools and was graduated from the high school in 1899. He then took a course in Butler College, Irvington, a suburb of Indianapolis, remaining there three years, then entered the Indiana Law School, where he made an excellent record and from which he was graduated in 1904. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Society, and while in Butler College was business manager of *The Butler Collegian*, the college paper. He was valedictorian of his class in the law school. Soon after his graduation he formed a partnership for the practice of his profession with ex-Judge T. J. Terhune, of Lebanon, which continued with ever-increasing success until January, 1911, when Mr. Adney formed a partnership with John W. Hornaday. This firm was dissolved January 1, 1914. Mr. Adney practices in all the state and federal courts and has long enjoyed a large and lucrative business. He believes in going into court thoroughly prepared, in devoting his attention to the interests of his clients in an earnest and conscientious manner and in keeping well abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession. As a speaker he is logical, convincing and often truly eloquent.

Mr. Adney is a member of the State Bar Association. Politically, he is a Democrat and has been active in political and public matters for a number of years. In 1909 Governor Thomas R. Marshall appointed him prosecuting attorney of Boone county to fill a vacancy, resulting from the death of Fred Groves and he served two years in a highly acceptable manner. In January, 1909, he was appointed county attorney, which office he still holds, discharging its duties in a manner that reflects much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. Fraternally, he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Adney was married June 19, 1907, to Verna Richey, a daughter of S. H. and Louise (Meade) Richey, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. To our subject and wife three children have been born, Louise, whose birth occurred

April 2, 1909; Richard, born March 29, 1911; and Virginia, born July 20, 1912.

Mr. Adney is a member of the Christian church and his wife holds membership with the Episcopalians. They are both prominent in the best social circles of Lebanon and are admired by their many friends for their culture, obliging and unselfish natures. Their cozy home is at 825 North West street, and Mr. Adney's office is in the Farmers Bank building.

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#### T. H. HINSHAW.

There is a great deal in being born under a good eye, one that watches and guards off the error and folly that overtake so many young men. The parents that are able to infuse into their children the spirit of the Spartans—the spirit that can meet any fate and make the most of the world—will see their children grow to years of maturity with excellent habits and splendid principles and see them become exemplary citizens. T. H. Hinshaw, an enterprising young liveryman of Zionsville, Boone county, was fortunate in having intelligent, kind and enterprising parents, who took much pains in his rearing. He was taught from the start the duties of life, not ordinary instruction, but the higher duties which all owe to each other and to society. The result has been to give him broad ideas of life and its responsibilities and to fit him for honorable citizenship.

Mr. Hinshaw was born on the home farm near Carmel, Indiana, January 10, 1883, and is a son of Frank and Anna (Henley) Hinshaw, who live on a farm east of Zionsville, where they are well-known and regarded by all as good citizens. They have seven children, five sons and two daughters. Our subject was reared on the home farm where he did his full share of the work when growing to manhood, and he received his education in the common schools of his neighborhood. When twenty-two years old he married Ida Ortwein, who was born in Boone county, where she was reared and educated. To this union three children have been born, Mildred, Carleton and Anna.

Mr. Hinshaw came to Zionsville some time ago and is now proprietor of a large livery, sale and feed barn, doing an extensive business which is constantly growing. He is well-equipped with good horses and buggies and

always carries a good line of feed of all kinds, and his is one of the most popular establishments of its kind in the county, partly because of his energy and foresight and partly because of his honesty and courtesy in dealing with the public. This has long been a livery and is well-known and popular with the traveling public. Our subject has remodeled his barn and made numerous improvements of late and everything is kept in proper place and in good shape. He has new rigs and a standard make automobile. His barn is one hundred by seventy-five feet, giving abundance of room for the accommodation of eighty horses at one time. His barn is centrally located, near the depot.

Politically, Mr. Hinshaw is a Progressive. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

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#### JUDGE WILLETT H. PARR.

Standing out distinctly as one of the central figures of the judiciary of the section of Indiana of which this history treats is the name of Judge Willett H. Parr, of Lebanon. Prominent in legal circles and equally so in public matters beyond the confines of his own jurisdiction, with a reputation in one of the most exacting of professions that has won him a name for distinguished service second to that of none of his contemporaries, there is today no more prominent or honored man in Boone county of which he is a native and which he has always dignified with his citizenship. Achieving success in the courts at an age when most young men are just entering upon the formative period of their lives, wearing the judicial ermine with becoming dignity and bringing to every case submitted to him a clearness of perception and ready power of analysis characteristic of the learned jurist, his name and work for years have been allied with the legal institutions, public enterprises and political interests of northern Indiana in such a way as to earn him recognition as one of the leading citizens in a community noted for the high order of its talent. A high purpose and an unconquerable will, vigorous mental powers and devotion to duty are some of the means by which he has made himself eminently useful, and every ambitious youth who fights the battle of life with the prospect of ultimate success may peruse with



HON. W. H. PARR



profit the biography herewith presented. For the judge has not only won success in a chosen field of endeavor, but is popular, possessing to a marked degree the characteristics that win and retain warm friendships. By his kindness and courtesy he has won an abiding place in the esteem of his fellow citizens and by his intelligence, energy and enterprising spirit has made his influence felt among his acquaintances and associates, and as a result occupies no small place in the favor of the public.

Judge Parr was born December 24, 1878 on a farm in Center township, Boone county, four miles southwest of Lebanon. He is a son of Jesse A. and Anna M. (Maggard) Parr, both natives of Johnson county, Indiana, but they both came to Boone county when young and were married here. The father was a minister in the Christian church, but in later years he studied medicine and is now a practicing physician in Indianapolis. His wife died when the future Judge was only three months of age, in the spring of 1879, so the lad was reared on the farm of his grandfather, by his grandfather and grandmother, remaining there until he was fifteen years old. His grandmother died when he was ten years of age and his grandfather when he was eighteen years of age. He then became a member of the household of his uncle, Asa A. Maggard, whom he assisted in the general work on his farm meantime attending the district schools. During this period he worked in a sawmill one summer, when he was fourteen years of age, walking two and one-half miles in the morning and back home in the evening. After graduating from the country schools in 1895 he entered the summer term in the Lebanon Normal, and in the fall of 1896, when seventeen years old, he began teaching school, which vocation he followed five years, giving satisfaction to all concerned. In the summer of 1897 he attended the State Normal at Terre Haute and in the summer of 1898 studied at the Marion Normal, thereby completing his literary education as far as schools were concerned, but ambitious and industrious he remained a close student and became a highly educated man. In the summer of 1898 he became a law student in the office of A. J. Shelby of Lebanon and, making rapid progress, was admitted to the bar of Boone county in April, 1900, and was subsequently admitted to practice in all the state courts and the federal court. He opened an office and began practicing in Lebanon, April 10, 1901, in partnership with Alva D. Swope, under the firm name of Swope & Parr, which continued only a few months, however, our subject then forming a partnership with

E. O. Rogers, now mayor of Lebanon. This partnership continued from February 1, 1902 until Mr. Parr was elected Judge of the Circuit Court in November, 1908, for a term of six years, which expired November 10, 1914, when he was elected to succeed himself for another term. As an attorney he had been successful from the first and built up an extensive and lucrative practice, taking a position in the front ranks of the local attorneys. He is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association.

Politically, Judge Parr is an uncompromising Democrat and has been active and influential in local political affairs since attaining his majority. In 1902 he was a candidate for the nomination of prosecuting attorney, and after making a splendid race was defeated by but two votes in the convention. In 1904 he was nominated by acclamation for representative to the legislature and while he led his ticket in Boone county, was defeated. He has always been active in party organization, and has been a frequent delegate to district and state conventions. He received the nomination for Circuit Judge in 1908 by acclamation and led his ticket in the following election, his majority being three hundred and sixty-five, and he assumed the duties of office November 10, 1908. As judge, Mr. Parr more than met the expectations of his friends and the public, and has so discharged his duties of office as to receive the hearty approval and warm commendation of the bar, without regard to party. He brought to the bench a dignity becoming the high position, and in the line of duty, is industrious, careful and singularly painstaking, which, combined with his sterling honesty and fearlessness of purpose, makes him one of the most popular and efficient men ever called to preside over the courts of this circuit. It is but just to say and greatly to his credit that no political prejudice, bias or zeal, was ever allowed to deflect his mind from its honest convictions, and while discharging his official functions, personal ties and friendships, as well as his own interests and opinions were lost sight of in his conscientious efforts to render equal and enact justice to those whose affairs were adjudicated in his court. His opinions and decisions attest his eminent fitness for judicial positions, being always lucid, unstrained and vigorous, his statements full and comprehensive, and his analysis and interpretations of the law conspicuous and complete.

Fraternally, Judge Parr is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment, in fact, embracing all branches of Odd Fellowship. He and his family are members of the Methodist church.

The domestic life of Judge Parr began July 16, 1899, when he led to the hymeneal altar a lady of culture and refinement, known in her maidenhood as Carrie B. Billingsly, a daughter of Robert D. and Mary J. (Brenninger) Billingsly, a prominent Boone county family, a complete sketch appearing elsewhere in this work. Mr. Billingsly, who is still living, having been one of our pioneers. His wife departed this life in 1896. Mrs. Parr grew to womanhood in Boone county and received a good education in the local schools. The union of the Judge and wife has been blessed by the birth of three children, living, and two died in infancy, Virlie O. and the other unnamed; the surviving are, Willett H., Jr., born March 18, 1903; Anna Belle, born August 1, 1908; and Ana A., born November 2, 1910.

The Judge is a man of high Christian character and he is active in church and Sunday school work, a member of the official board and a teacher of the men's Bible class.

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**1408948****JAMES R. BALL, M. D.**

Few residents of Lebanon and Boone county have occupied as large a place in the public eye as Dr. James R. Ball and no one has more worthily discharged his manifold duties or shown himself more worthy of the high esteem in which he is held. His life has been filled with activity and usefulness while his untiring energy and eminent ability have gained for him a conspicuous and honorable place among the distinguished medical men of his day and generation in this section of Indiana, which is noted for the high order of its professional talent. In every sphere of endeavor in which he has taken a part, socially, politically or professionally, his unpretending bearing and strict integrity have elevated him in the confidence of his fellow-citizens, and his influence, always potent and salutary, is destined to continue a marked factor for substantial good, long after he ceases from his labors and retires from the busy scenes in which he has so long been a prominent and effective actor.

Doctor Ball was born in Clinton county, Indiana, June 21, 1868. He is a son of James E. and Jane Ann (Irwin) Ball, the former also a native of Clinton county. The Ball family removed from the state of Pennsylvania

in pioneer days to Dearborn county, Indiana, and later came on to Clinton county, in which the Irwins were also early settlers. Scott Irwin, maternal grandfather of our subject, with several brothers, settled on the "twelve mile prairie" when this country was wild and very little improved, and there the grandfather developed a good farm and became a prominent citizen. James E. Ball devoted the earlier years of his life to farming, later engaging in business in Frankfort from 1881 until his death in 1905, during which period of nearly a quarter of a century, he was one of the leading citizens of that city. His widow still lives in Frankfort.

Doctor Ball spent his early boyhood on the farm, being thirteen years of age when, in 1881, the family moved to Frankfort, where he attended the public schools, having previously been a pupil in the district schools. He was graduated from the Frankfort high school in 1886. During his vacation periods he studied pharmacy and began clerking in a drug store. In the autumn of 1888 he entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, from which he was graduated in 1891, and in May of that year he began practicing his profession at Clarkshill, Tippecanoe county, where he remained until January, 1892, when he came to Lebanon and has been here ever since, having meantime built up a large and lucrative practice which extends all over Boone county and has from the first ranked with the leaders of his professional brethren. He has remained a close student, keeping fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession. He took a post-graduate course in 1898 in the Chicago Polyclinic Institute. He is not only a general practitioner but a surgeon of more than ordinary ability. He is surgeon for the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company. He is a member of the Boone County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. Politically, he is a Republican, but has never been very active in public matters, although deeply interested in whatever tends to the general good of Boone county. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has been superintendent of the Sunday school of the local congregation for the past sixteen years, a work in which he takes a great deal of interest. He is a member of the official board of the church and has long been active in church affairs, as is also Mrs. Ball.

Doctor Ball was married September 3, 1891, to Effie D. Fisher, a daugh-

ter of Samuel P. and Mary E. (Smith) Fisher. The father is now retired, lives in Frankfort, Indiana, where he was formerly a leading business man, and for several years he served as clerk of Clinton county. His wife is deceased. Mrs. Ball grew to womanhood in Frankfort and received a good education in the local schools. She is a lady of refinement and is active in the work of the Domestic Science Club, composed of the leading ladies of Lebanon.

The union of the Doctor and wife has been blessed by the birth of two sons, Clarence R., born July 28, 1893; and Robert S., born July 22, 1899. The elder son is now a student in DePauw University, and the younger son is attending the Lebanon high school, each making excellent records.

Doctor Ball has been very successful in a material way and is one of the substantial men of Lebanon. Some time ago he erected the modern and attractive building bearing his name, which stands at the corner of Meridian and South streets, Lebanon, one of the most convenient and best business blocks in the city, and is also a popular office building, equipped throughout in a thoroughly up-to-date manner. His commodious home is at 424 North Meridian street, and, the family being prominent in the social life of the community, here their many friends frequently gather, always finding a spirit of genuine hospitality and good cheer prevailing.

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#### AARON J. SMITH.

If there is one thing which distinguishes the American business man from those of any other country it is the faculty with which any and all occupations are readily taken up by him and made successful. In the older countries it has long been customary for the son to follow the father's pursuits. "Follow your father, my son, and do as your father has done," was a maxim which all sons were expected to adopt. It is in such countries as the United States that full swing can be given to the energies of the individual. A man may choose any business or profession he desires, and he is limited only by competition. He must meet the skill of others and give as good service as they or he will not get the positions or business. Such adaptation to any work or business is well shown in the career of Aaron J. Smith, a

widely known and successful merchant of Lebanon. He has turned his hand to many things and proved that farming was not the only occupation which he could make successful. He is one of our most substantial and representative native-born citizens, being the scion of a sterling pioneer family of Boone county, members of which have figured more or less conspicuously in the affairs of the same for three quarters of a century, and he has been careful to keep untarnished the bright escutcheon of the honored family name.

Mr. Smith was born on a farm in Perry township, Boone county, March 8, 1856. He is a son of Eli and Patsey A. (Kemper) Smith. The father was born in Kentucky in 1828, and was a son of Aaron J. and Fannie F. Smith. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born about 1800 in Kentucky where he spent his earlier years, migrating to Indiana in the early thirties, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government in Boone county, which he cleared and developed by hard work and perseverance. He was thus one of the pioneers in this locality, and he endured the usual hardships and privations incident to life in a new country. Here he prospered, becoming a leading farmer, and his death occurred on his place here in 1878. Politically, he was a Democrat, and in religious matters was a member of the Baptist church. His wife was also born in Kentucky in the year 1800. Her maiden name was Thomas. She died in Boone county in 1889 at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Eli Smith was reared on the old homestead and he received such educational advantages as the early-day schools afforded. He devoted his life successfully to general farming and stock raising, with the exception of two years when he served as county treasurer, from 1882 to 1884. His record is as an open book, for he was always known to be scrupulously honest, straightforward and unselfish in his every-day life, was public-spirited, obliging and hospitable, and was well-known throughout the county and admired by all classes. Politically, he was a Democrat, and in religious matters a Baptist. His death occurred in June, 1894. His wife, Patsey Kemper, was born in Kentucky, in 1825, and was a daughter of Joel and Elizabeth Kemper, natives of Kentucky, from which state they came to Indiana in 1830 and located near Indianapolis, later removing to Boone county, and here spent the rest of their lives on a farm. The death of Mrs. Eli Smith occurred in 1905. Like her husband she was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends.

Aaron J. Smith, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm where he did his full share of the work when a boy, and he received his early education in the common schools, which has later in life been greatly supplemented by actual contact with the business world and by extensive home reading. He worked on the farm until he was sixteen years of age, then learned the trade of tile and brick moulder and burner, at which he worked until he was twenty-one years of age, becoming an expert and his services were in great demand. Turning his attention to the mercantile world in 1876 he launched out in the drug business at Fayette, Indiana, and in 1877 began selling clothing and dry goods and was successful from the first as a merchant. He was elected trustee of Perry township, Boone county in 1882 and served four years in a manner that reflected credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned, having been re-elected. In 1886 he came to Lebanon and clerked three years, then went back to Fayette where he engaged in business three years. On June 1, 1891, he opened his present commodious and well kept clothing store in Lebanon, which is complete in every detail, managed under a superb system and where a large and carefully selected stock is always carried. Through honesty and fair and courteous dealings he has built up his business to its present large proportions. He draws a large number of customers from all over the county, his store being a favorite gathering-place for farming folk when in the county-seat. He has been very successful in a business way and is rated as one of the county's most substantial and progressive men.

Mr. Smith was married to Emma Frazee, who was born August 30, 1857, in Boone county and here she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Aaron and Amanda Frazee. Six children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Charles, born January 18, 1881, is now in business at Altos, Oklahoma; Alpha A., born January 14, 1885, died January 19, 1886; Carl, born December 14, 1887, is in business with his father; Basil, born November 9, 1898 is attending school; Guy, born September 1, 1894, is at home; David, born September 14, 1891, is engaged in the tailoring business in Lebanon.

Politically, Mr. Smith is a Democrat and has long been deeply interested and more or less active in public affairs. He is a member of the Baptist church, and fraternally belongs to the Masonic Order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and is a Knight Templar; he also belongs to the Knights

of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has long been prominent in fraternal circles, and his daily life among his fellowmen would indicate that he attempts to carry the sublime precepts of these orders into his every relation of life.

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### JAMES SNODGRASS.

The student interested in the history of Boone county does not have to carry his investigations far into its annals before learning that James Snodgrass has long been an active and leading representative and that his labors have proven a potent force in making this a rich farming region. Through several decades he has carried on diversified farming and stock raising, gradually improving his land, and while he has prospered in this he has also found ample opportunity to assist in the material development of the county, and his co-operation has been of value for the general good. He is one of the honored veterans of the Union army who, when the tocsin of war sounded in the nation's greatest crisis, uncomplainingly went forth to defend with his life, if need be, the honor of the old flag. His career in every respect has been one of commendation and is well worth study and emulation.

Mr. Snodgrass was born January 24, 1835 in Hancock county, Indiana. He is a son of Robert and Rebecca (Gregg) Snodgrass, natives of Kentucky. The grandparents, John Snodgrass and wife, were natives of Virginia, from which state they removed to Hancock county, Indiana, as early as 1812, four years before the state was admitted into the Union and when it was still principally the home of red men. Here the elder Snodgrass entered land from the government on which he established the future home of the family. He was a man of courage and thrift and succeeded in the face of the great obstacles encountered by every frontiersman. John and Fannie (Spillman) Gregg, natives of Culpeper county, Virginia, came to Rush county, Indiana about 1814, and were thus also among the early pioneers of this state. Mr. Gregg was a soldier in the war of 1812. He finally removed to Hancock county, this state where he settled in woods and developed a farm. Here the parents of our subject were married and began life on a farm, but Robert Snodgrass was also a flour miller, and he traded



JAMES SNODGRASS AND FAMILY



extensively in land, which he bought and sold. He and his wife spent the latter parts of their lives in Clinton county. The father died August 5, 1876; the mother died in November, 1879.

James Snodgrass, of this sketch, grew to manhood on the home farm, and he attended the subscription schools in Boone county, later in Mechanicsburg. He learned to read at Thorntown and after he reached man's estate he attended writing school and learned to write.

He remained with his parents until the breaking out of the Civil war, enlisting on August 22, 1861, in Company K, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he served under General George H. Thomas in the army of the Cumberland, in Kentucky, later in the Mississippi army. He saw much hard service and proved to be an excellent soldier. Among the engagements in which he participated were those of Mill Springs, Perryville, siege of Corinth, Crab Orchard, Louisville, on the pursuit of Bragg, Tullahoma, Pigeon Mountain, Chickamauga, Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain. At the battle of Chickamauga he was wounded below the right knee by a rifle ball on September 19, 1863, which resulted in his spending two months in a hospital in Nashville. Besides the above battles, he was in many skirmishes while with the army in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia. After his recovery from the wound he rejoined his regiment with which he remained until he was honorably discharged September 19, 1864, after which he returned home, his parents then living in Clinton county. Soon thereafter he began farming for himself on eighty acres which he had bought before going to war. He prospered by close application and hard work and added to his original holdings until he became owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and thirty-four acres which he sold in 1903 and bought two hundred and sixty acres of improved land in Marion township, later adding fifty acres, then purchased another tract of forty acres in Adams township, Hamilton county. He has improved from time to time his land which he has for some time kept rented, but which he oversees. He has always kept a good grade of live stock, and he has a splendid home, and now in his declining years he is taking life easy, having every necessary comfort.

Mr. Snodgrass was married April 27, 1865, to Clarissa McCain, who was born in Frankfort, Indiana, January 8, 1841. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Young) McCain, natives of Ohio, from which state

they came to Frankfort, Indiana, in a very early day, making the trip overland and he conducted the first general merchandise store in Frankfort at that time.

The following children have been born to our subject and wife: William, born April 28, 1866, who lives with our subject, operates the home farm, and he formerly taught school twenty years; Ida May, born April 24, 1868, is the wife of Thomas Sims, of Indianapolis, and they have three boys—J. Verne, Max and James T.; Mary J., born July 16, 1870, is the widow of Elijah M. Walker, and she lives in Marion township and has five children—Ruth A., born August 18, 1896, Rena E., born August 4, 1899, Clara C., born August 25, 1902, Jas. W. born May 1, 1904, Ida Beatrice, born February 8, 1906; Frederick, born March 21, 1873, died when three years old; John McCain, born July 2, 1876, died in infancy; Fannie, born November 4, 1880, is the wife of Anderson Jones, of Delaware county, Indiana. They have two children—Dorothy May, born April 21, 1907, Alma L., born February 7, 1910.

Politically Mr. Snodgrass is a Democrat. He is a member of the William Smith Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Sheridan, Indiana. Religiously he is a member of the Christian church, in which he served two years as elder, and is an active member of the same, as also is his family.

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#### HENRY N. COONS, M. D.

It is not always easy to discover and define the hidden forces that move a life of ceaseless activity and large professional success; little more can be done to note their manifestation in the career of the individual under consideration. In view of this fact the life of the distinguished physician and public-spirited man of affairs whose name appears at the head of this article affords a striking example of well-defined purpose with the ability to make that purpose subserve not only his own ends but the good of his fellowmen as well. Doctor Coons has long held distinctive prestige in a calling which requires for its base, sound mentality and intellectual discipline of a high order, supplemented by rigid professional training and thorough mastery of technical knowledge with the skill to apply the same, without which one cannot hope to rise above mediocrity in ministering to human ills. In his chosen

field of endeavor Doctor Coons has achieved success such as few attain, and his present eminent standing among the leading medical men of this section of Indiana is duly recognized and appreciated not only in his own city and county, but also in adjoining counties.

Doctor Coons, whose name has for a period of thirty years been a household word to the people of Lebanon and Boone county, was born in Jackson township and he has been content to spend his life in this community; the date of his birth is September 18, 1853. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Beck) Coons, one of our worthy pioneer families. The father was born in Bath county, Kentucky, and the mother was a native of Montgomery county, Indiana, and here she grew to womanhood and received her education in the old-time rural schools, as did also Mr. Coons in his native community in the Blue Grass state, where he spent his boyhood, coming to Boone county, Indiana, in 1848, at the age of twenty-two years, he having been born June 7, 1826. He married soon after coming here and established his home on a farm in Jackson township, becoming in due course of time one of our best general farmers and highly respected citizens. Since the autumn of 1892 he has been living in Lebanon, retired. His wife was called to her eternal rest February 14, 1912.

Doctor Coons was reared on the home farm and there he worked when a boy, and attended the rural schools in his vicinity, later studied in the preparatory school of Wabash College for two years, then entered Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana, from which he was graduated in the class of 1880. After his graduation he began the study of medicine under Dr. William Taylor and Dr. J. A. Utter, of Terre Haute, remaining under their direction for several months, then entered Pulte Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, but completed his medical course at Hahnemann Medical College in Chicago in 1883. The same year he opened an office in Lebanon, which he has maintained continuously until the present time and has enjoyed an extensive and ever-growing practice, for three decades, ranking among the foremost general practitioners in this section of the state. He has remained a close student and has kept fully abreast of the times in medical research, and has taken several short post-graduate courses in Chicago. He has also devoted much attention to surgery and has been very successful in that field. He is a member of the Indiana Institute of Homeopathy and the American Institute of Homeopathy, also belongs to the Marion County

Homeopathic Society. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic Order, having attained the thirty-second degree in the latter. He is also a Shriner and Knight Templar. Politically, the Doctor is a Prohibitionist, in which he has long been active and foremost in all movements calculated to advance the best interests of all the people. He and his family are members of the Christian church, in which he is an elder and active in church and Sunday school work. He is chief medical examiner for the Lexington Life Insurance Company, also is examiner for various other companies. His office is in the First National Bank building and his commodious home is at 404 East Pearl street.

Doctor Coons was married August 6, 1884, to Jessie Grubb, a daughter of David and Evelyn (Daniels) Grubb, who lived in Shelby county, Indiana, now both deceased. To the Doctor and wife three children were born, namely: Mary, Fern and John, all at home at this writing. The son is a senior in Wabash College and will study medicine; the eldest daughter is a graduate of Washington College for Girls; she is an accomplished musician and a teacher of music; the second daughter was also graduated from Washington College, later graduating from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, in the class of 1913, taking a literary course, specializing in French, German, history and literature, and she intends to teach. These children are all talented and promising.

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#### RALPH W. IMEL.

The demand for scientific, trained men along agricultural lines shows no signs of abating. Agricultural colleges are everywhere trying to meet the demand being made upon them for graduates to manage large ranches, to serve in various departments of the United States department of agriculture as experimental station workers, and irrigation experts. Many men are also being employed as county horticultural and farm advisors, and it is believed that this line of work will grow as fast as trained men are available. There are also many calls for graduates in forestry by the government and by lumbermen. Young men of Boone county who are choosing a life work might do well to consider the opportunities in this line of work which is not

only pleasant, healthful and useful but remunerative. It is a field that is not overcrowded, in this respect being at least different from many other professions and trades.

Ralph W. Imel, the present able and popular agricultural agent of Boone county, with office at Lebanon, is one of the young men of Indiana who was wise in selecting a vocation, and, judging from his pronounced success so far and the industry and zeal he has displayed the future holds much of promise for him in this great arena of human endeavor.

Mr. Imel was born July 14, 1885, at Fairland, Shelby county, Indiana. He is a son of Peter H. and Carrie (Mather) Imel. Peter H. Imel was born at Rock Lane, Johnson county, Indiana, January 7, 1839, and is a son of George Imel, a pioneer of that section of the state, and there our subject's father grew to manhood, received such educational advantages as the early day schools afforded and he has devoted his life to farming in Indiana, with the exception of a short time spent in the state of Illinois. He has been very successful as a general agriculturist, and, having accumulated a competency, is now living in retirement at Fairland, although he still oversees the work on his fine eighty acre farm near that town. Politically, he is independent, and in religious matters is a Baptist. He and Carrie Mather were married January 1, 1868. She is a native of England, born March 17, 1850, and is a daughter of John and Anna (Conon) Mather, who emigrated to the United States in 1855, when their daughter was five years of age. The family located in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she grew to womanhood and was educated.

Ralph W. Imel grew to manhood on the home farm near Fairland and there learned the ins and outs of farming as known in those days, having an able preceptor in his father. He soon saw that this was his true bent and he sought to advance himself in the science of tilling the soil and has remained a close student to the present time. He attended the common schools at Fairland and was graduated from the high school there in 1904, then taught school very acceptably for three years, working on the farm during the summer months the meantime. In 1907 he entered Franklin College and the following year took up his studies in the agricultural department of Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana, where his advancement was rapid and from which he was graduated in 1911. He then went to Minnesota and took a position as superintendent of the North Branch Agricultural High School, where he remained two years, giving satisfaction to all concerned. In 1913

he was appointed agricultural agent of Boone county, Indiana, consequently returned here to begin his new duties, which he is now discharging in a manner that reflects much credit upon his ability, fidelity and industry, and has done much to encourage better farming in this locality.

Mr. Imel has remained unmarried. He is independent in politics, in religious matters is a Baptist, and fraternally he belongs to the Masonic Order and the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Agathon Fraternity of Purdue University. He is a young man of genial and courteous address and has made many friends since locating in Lebanon.

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#### DAVID M. CLARK.

It is a well authenticated fact that success comes not as a caprice of chance, but as the legitimate result of well-applied energy, unflagging determination and unswerving perseverance in a course of action once decided upon by the individual. Only those who diligently seek the goddess Fortuna, find her—she never was known to smile upon the idler or dreamer. David M. Clark, the capable and popular county auditor of Boone county, clearly understood this fact early in life, so he did not seek any royal road to success, but sought to direct his feet along the well-beaten paths of those who had won in the battle of life along legitimate lines. He had their careers in mind when casting about for a suitable arena of action, and in tracing his life history it is plainly seen that the prosperity which Mr. Clark enjoys has been won by commendable qualities, and it is also his personal worth which has gained for him the good standing among his fellow citizens in Boone county, in which he has long been widely known.

Mr. Clark was born March 23, 1867, in Lawrence county, Indiana. He is a son of Andrew J. and Polly Ann (Kinser) Clark, both parents natives of Lawrence county also, and there they grew to maturity, were educated in the old-time rural schools and there married. The Clarks came from Virginia and settled in Lawrence county in an early day. William Clark, great grandfather of our subject, was one of the first settlers of Indiana and reared his family in Lawrence county when settlers were few and far between. He cleared and developed a large farm. His son, James, grandfather of our

subject, also spent his life farming there. Andrew J. Clark, father of our subject, also engaged in farming in that locality and there he and his wife still reside.

David M. Clark grew to manhood on the home farm and worked hard when a boy in crop seasons, and during the winter months he attended the district schools, but left school at the end of the eighth year. He has later become a well-informed man through contact with the business world and by wide home reading. He remained on the home farm until his marriage, which occurred May 25, 1890, to Catherine Armbruster, a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Aishear) Armbruster, a well-established family of Monroe county, Indiana, where Mrs. Clark grew to womanhood and received a good common school education.

To the union of our subject and wife two daughters and one son were born, Dessie, who married Guy Lewis, a grocer of Jamestown, this county; Eiffel is at home; and Herschel L., is at home.

Mr. Clark began life for himself as a farmer in Lawrence county, continuing with gratifying results from year to year until Thanksgiving day, 1895, when he removed to Jackson township, Boone county, where he farmed for five years, then, in 1900, moved to Jamestown and engaged in the hardware business with George W. Shaw, under the firm name of Clark & Shaw, which partnership still continues. They have one of the best known and best equipped hardware stores in the county, carrying all kinds of hardware used by the farmer and in fact everything, including farming implements of the most improved designs, building materials, various makes of machinery and a large and carefully selected stock at all seasons and, dealing honestly and courteously with their hundreds of customers they draw trade from a wide territory, which they hold without effort. Mr. Clark is also interested in various other lines of business, and is one of the most enterprising, farsighted and capable of our present-day business men.

Politically, Mr. Clark is a loyal Democrat and has been active in local party affairs for a number of years. He has served as a member of the Democratic County Central Committee, and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He is one of the leaders of his party in Boone county and has done much for the success of Democracy in this section of the state. In November, 1910, he was elected auditor of Boone county, and took office January 1, 1912, and is now serving a four years'

term in a manner that reflects much credit upon his fidelity and ability and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He is the first auditor to occupy the magnificent new court house. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment, also the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men. He has filled all the chairs in the first named lodge and has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge at different times. He and his family are members of the Christian church at Jamestown. Since taking office Mr. Clark and family have resided at 502 East Main street, Lebanon, which property he owns, and which is in one of the most desirable residential sections of the city.

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#### GEORGE WASHINGTON CAMPBELL.

Ceaselessly to and fro flies the deft shuttle which weaves the web of human destiny, and into the vast mosaic fabric enter the individuality, the effort, the accomplishment of each man, be his station that most lowly or one of majesty, pomp and power. Within the textile folds may be traced the line of each individuality, be it the one that lends the beautiful sheen of honest worth and useful endeavors, or one that, dark and zigzag, finds its way through warp and woof, marring the composite beauty by its blackened threads, ever in evidence of the shadowed and unprolific life. Into the great aggregate each individuality is merged, and yet the essence of each is never lost, be the angle of its influence wide-spreading and grateful, or narrow and baneful. In his efforts he who essays biographical memoirs finds much of profit and much of alluring fascination when he would follow out, in even a cursory way, the tracings of a life-history, seeking to find the keynote of each respective personality. These efforts and their resulting transmission cannot fail of value in an objective way, for in each case may the lesson of life be conned, line after line, precept after precept. One could not contemplate the life-record of the late George Washington Campbell, for many years one of the leading business men and public-spirited citizens of Boone county, Indiana without gaining therefrom many helpful hints and forming at the same time a very high opinion of the man, for his various efforts in material and civic affairs, extending over a period of many years, resulted in incal-



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culable good and stamped him as a gentleman of rare attributes of head and heart, which alone would excite the admiration and reverence of all, especially of the contemplative turn of mind, and his record might well be followed by the youth hesitating at the parting of the ways.

Mr. Campbell, who was a prominent manufacturer of Lebanon, and for years one of the best known men of affairs in northern Indiana, was born in Clinton county, this state, March 9, 1845. He was a son of Mark and Matilda (Goshorn) Campbell. The father was born August 11, 1800 in Pennsylvania, and the mother was also a native of that state. There they grew to maturity, received such educational advantages as the early-day rural schools afforded, and there they married, emigrating to Clinton county, Indiana in pioneer times, there developed a good farm by their industry, on which they spent the rest of their lives, the father dying October 1, 1870, after passing his allotted three score and ten. The mother, whose birth occurred July 6, 1805, died before passing the half century mark, on January 18, 1854. The father subsequently married again. His family consisted of ten children by his first wife, only two of whom are now living, namely: William, James, Nicholas G., Robert, John B., Sarah J., Mart T. is living; George W., subject of this sketch; Hannah A. was next in order; and Millard F. the youngest, is living.

George W. Campbell grew to manhood on the home farm in Clinton county where he worked hard when he became of proper age, consequently his early schooling was interrupted until he was sixteen years of age. But he was ambitious and studied at home, becoming a splendid example of a successfully self-educated and self-made man. For a time he taught school near Mulberry, his native county. Later he turned his attention to the drug business, and in order to properly prepare himself he took a course in chemistry in Cincinnati, Ohio. His first drug store was in Frankfort, Indiana, where he got a good start, then came to Lebanon in 1875 where he continued the same line of endeavor with more gratifying results until he launched into the lumber business, becoming the senior member of the well-known firm of Campbell, Smith, Ritchie & Company, Lebanon's chief manufacturing industry, which has given employment and support to more than one hundred families for many years. They maintained an extensive and modernly equipped plant, where various specialties, such as kitchen cabinets were manufactured, which were of such superior workmanship and quality

that they ever found a very ready market over a vast territory, the company also owning and operating large lumber yards. The great prestige and pronounced success of the firm was due for the most part to the able management and wise counsel, indomitable industry and rare business acumen of Mr. Campbell. He was certainly deserving of a great deal of credit for what he accomplished, having forced his way unaided from a humble beginning to a position in the front ranks of the substantial, progressive and influential men of affairs of this section of Indiana. He owned a beautiful modern residence on South Meridian street.

Mr. Campbell was married May 14, 1873, to Alice Catherine Paige, who was born May 22, 1847, in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and she spent her earlier life in the city of LaFayette where she received an excellent education in the Catholic schools, later attended school in Frankfort, Indiana, and for a few years she engaged in teaching in Clinton county. She is a lady of culture and refinement and has long been popular with the best circles in Lebanon. She is a daughter of Franklin K. and Martha (Barr) Paige, the father a native of Vermont and the mother was born in Pennsylvania. They were married November 13, 1842. Mr. Paige devoted part of his earlier life to teaching, also farmed for awhile. He was regarded as one of the most progressive and capable educators of his time. His family consisted of two children, Albert Rush, who is now deceased; and Mrs. Alice C. Campbell, widow of our subject.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell was blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Ethel, born July 15, 1874, was educated in the Lebanon high school and DePauw University, and married Benjamin F. Coons, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; Ivan, born April 6, 1878, died July 8th of the same year; Myrtle, born September 4, 1879, was educated in the high school in Lebanon, also received a musical education, and is now the wife of Lester F. Jones.

Politically, Mr. Campbell was a strong Republican, and was for some time active in public affairs. He at one time made the race for mayor of Lebanon, but was defeated by a small majority. Religiously he was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian church, of Lebanon, in which he was an elder. He was prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the following orders: Lodge No. 45, Knights of Pythias, the Tribe of Ben Hur; Boone Lodge, No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons; Lebanon Chapter No. 30,

Royal Arch Masons; Lebanon Commandery, No. 43, Knights Templars, of which he had been treasurer during the last ten years of his life; he also belonged to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Indianapolis. He attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry.

The death of Mr. Campbell occurred suddenly on April 22, 1913, and his demise was regarded as a distinct loss to the city and county so long honored by his residence. *The Lebanon Patriot* spoke of him, in part, as follows: "Mr. Campbell was one of the most highly respected citizens of Lebanon, and his relationship with the people was that of a true man. He was of the highest type of citizenship. His unostentatious manner won him many friends, and it is a common expression that Lebanon is a better town because he lived in it. Lebanon, perhaps, never had a citizen whose death was more universally mourned."

*The Lebanon Daily Reporter* had this to say, among other things: "A really good man has passed to the great beyond—one whom we were proud to call by the sacred name of friend, has passed to his eternal reward. He will be truly missed—not only in his home where he was so dearly beloved—but outside where too, he had many friends. It was recently said of him by one who knew him well, that never had he heard Mr. Campbell speak an evil word of any one, nor use an ill word in his conversation. It was his happy disposition to not only think well of every one but to speak well of them. He has filled a large place in the community, but it has been unostentatiously and quietly."

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#### JOHN W. MAISH.

It is a pleasure to any one, whether farmer or not, to look over a well-improved and finely-kept landed estate like that of John W. Maish, of Center township, Boone county, for he is a man who believes in keeping fully abreast of the times, in adopting, so far as practicable, the most approved twentieth century methods in general farming and stock raising. As a result of his careful system of husbandry he has about solved the question of scientific farming as we all know and understand it today. He was formerly engaged in merchandising, in which he was equally successful, for he has always stood for progressiveness, not only in material things, but in political, edu-

tional and religious matters, and he has always been an advocate of right living and honesty in public life as well as business, and while laboring for his individual advancement he has never been found neglectful of his duties to his neighbors and the general public.

Mr. Maish was born May 5, 1859, in Clinton county, Indiana. He is a son of Joseph and Mary E. (Looney) Maish. The father was born in Clinton county and the mother was a native of Rush county, Indiana. Joseph Maish spent all his life in his native county and was a successful farmer and large land owner, also owned considerable valuable property in Frankfort. He was born November 21, 1827, and his death occurred January 10, 1867. His wife was born September 29, 1832, and died November 29, 1897. These parents had two sons who lived to maturity, namely: John W., of this review, and David L., who died when twenty-one years of age, April 19, 1881; Anna, Matilda J. and Joseph, Jr., all died in infancy. The mother married a second time, her last husband being William C. Heaton, and to this union one child was born, Martha E., now the wife of William B. Kramer, Jr., of Frankfort.

John W. Maish was reared on the home farm, where he worked during the summer months when he became of proper age and he received his education in the district schools and the high school in Frankfort, from which he was graduated, and later he attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. After leaving college he began life for himself in the mercantile business at Frankfort, running a general department store, continuing for a period of ten years, during which he built an extensive and lucrative trade, always carrying a large and carefully selected stock and, dealing with uniform honesty and courtesy with his hundreds of customers, he secured their confidence and good will. In the fall of 1890 he traded his stock of goods and his two-story brick store building which he had built about 1887 to accommodate his business for the farm he now owns in Center township, Boone county, consisting of four hundred and twenty-two acres, and known as the J. B. Holmes farm, to which he moved on Thanksgiving day of that year and here he has been successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, adding improvements from time to time until he now has one of the finest, most productive and most desirable farms in the county, which cost him but sixty dollars per acre but for which he is now

refusing two hundred dollars per acre. It is under a high state of cultivation, raising large crops of corn and other grains annually, which he feeds to large herds of cattle, hogs, sheep and other live stock, all good grades. He is an excellent judge of stock, and no small part of his income is derived from this source. He has an attractive residence and large and substantial out-buildings, everything about his place denoting thrift, good management and prosperity. This splendid farm is located on the Big Four Railway and the direct township line to Indianapolis, the station of Holmes being only a step from Mr. Maish's door. He has been very successful in a business way and he is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Lebanon and has various other business interests.

Mr. Maish was married January 25, 1886, to Mary E. Blinn, a daughter of Adam and Catherine (Derrick) Blinn, for many years one of the leading families of Frankfort, the father having died July 23, 1901, but the mother survives, having attained her eighty-fourth birthday October 21, 1913. Mrs. Maish grew up in her native county and received a good education.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maish the following children have been born, namely: Lela, born April 13, 1887, is at home; June, born June 1, 1889, was next in order, now Mrs. C. O. McMains, lives in Harrison township and has two children, Mary Lavina, born November 27, 1911, and Chester Orvil, born April 15, 1913; Catherine, born February 4, 1891, is at home; Lucinda Ruth, born June 3, 1893, married Charles Bradley of Lebanon; Mabel, born August 24, 1899, is at home; Emalyne, born September 12, 1903, is at home; Blinn H., born March 10, 1905; Arthur E., born January 6, 1907, and Dorothy, February 16, 1912, are the youngest of the living children; John W., Jr., born May, 1897, died November 12, 1900, of diphtheria, and A. Blinn died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Maish is a Republican and while always interested in public matters has never been an office seeker, preferring to give his attention to his large business interests and to his family of which he is very fond, being happiest when by his own cheerful fireside. He has a good library and is well posted on current questions as well as the world's best literature. He has given his children every advantage, and there is an atmosphere of refinement about his home.

## IRA M. SHARP.

One of the worthy native sons of Boone county who has stamped the impress of his strong personality upon the minds of the people of the locality of which this history treats in a manner as to render him one of the conspicuous characters of the county is Ira M. Sharp, an attorney at law of the first rank at the local bar. Faithfulness to duty and a strict adherence to a fixed purpose, which always do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances, have been dominating factors in his life, which has been replete with honor and success worthily attained, and he has become an important factor in the affairs of his county and stands in the foremost rank of the professional men of this section of the Hoosier commonwealth. Few citizens of Boone county are better known, none occupy a more conspicuous place in the confidence of the public, and it is a compliment worthily bestowed to class him with the representative men of this generation in the county of his residence, having done much for the general development of the same.

Mr. Sharp was born in a log cabin between Lebanon and Thorntown, January 6, 1868, and he is a splendid example of a self-made man, having by his own efforts fought his way to the front from a discouraging environment. He is a son of Solomon and Mary E. (Miller) Sharp, both natives of Decatur county, Indiana, where they were reared and married, and where they made their homes until 1866, when they removed to Boone county. The father was a blacksmith by trade, also engaged in the sawmill business for many years. His death occurred August 2, 1891, but his widow survives, now making her home in Clarksburg, Decatur county. She was born October 25, 1836, and is therefore now well advanced in years. The date of her husband's birth was February 29, 1832.

Ira M. Sharp was about five years old when the family moved to Thorntown, where he was reared and received his early education, completing the course of studies, except Latin, in the high school. He finished school there at the age of sixteen. He had a disagreement with his teacher and took his books home, and his father, without reproof, put the lad to work in his blacksmith shop and he did all kinds of work, proving a willing helper, continuing until the beginning of the next school year, when his father gave him an opportunity to choose between continuing the trade of

blacksmith or going back to school. After several days' deliberation he decided to pursue his studies and thus his whole career was changed. The superintendent of the school permitted him to re-enter his class and also gave him an opportunity to make up the time he lost the previous year. He worked hard and made the two years' work in one, with a grade at the head of his class. In 1881 his father met with an accident, being disabled to such an extent that he could not continue his trade. Our subject, being the eldest of six children, had to assist in the support of the family, so the last two years he was in school he worked nights, mornings and Saturdays in a hardware store to help support the family. After leaving school he clerked in the hardware store in Thorntown, but deciding that teaching school was more to his liking he secured a certificate and taught three years. Although he made a success in this field of endeavor he decided that his true bent was in another direction, so began reading law December 15, 1887, with P. H. Dutch, of Thorntown, and was admitted to practice June 26, 1889.

Mr. Sharp was married August 20, 1891, to Elizabeth E. Cheek, a daughter of Newton and Jane (Wooding) Cheek, both natives of North Carolina; in fact, Mrs. Sharp was born at Saxapahaw, that state. The Cheek family emigrated to Boone county, Indiana, soon after the close of the Civil war. They were Quakers and were a peaceable people, but found it difficult during the great war between the states in keeping out of the conflict. Mr. Cheek is now deceased, but his widow survives.

The union of our subject and wife has been blessed by the birth of one daughter, Jennie Marie Sharp, now a student in DePauw University, where she is making a brilliant record.

Mr. Sharp taught one year after his marriage, and all of his teaching was after he was admitted to the bar. He began the practice of his profession in Greensburg, Decatur county, in April, 1892, and remained there until November, 1893, when he came to Thorntown, Boone county, where he resided and practiced with ever-increasing success until January 1, 1912, when he moved his office to Lebanon, but still maintains his home in Thorntown. He enjoys a large clientele and ranks with the leading members of the Boone county bar, being known as a cautious, industrious and safe counsellor and a strong pleader. He practices in all the state and federal courts in Boone and adjoining counties.

Politically, Mr. Sharpe is a Republican and he has long been more or

less active in public matters and is one of the leaders in his party in this section of the state; however, he has never been an office-seeker, preferring to devote his attention exclusively to his profession. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### WILLIAM F. COBB.

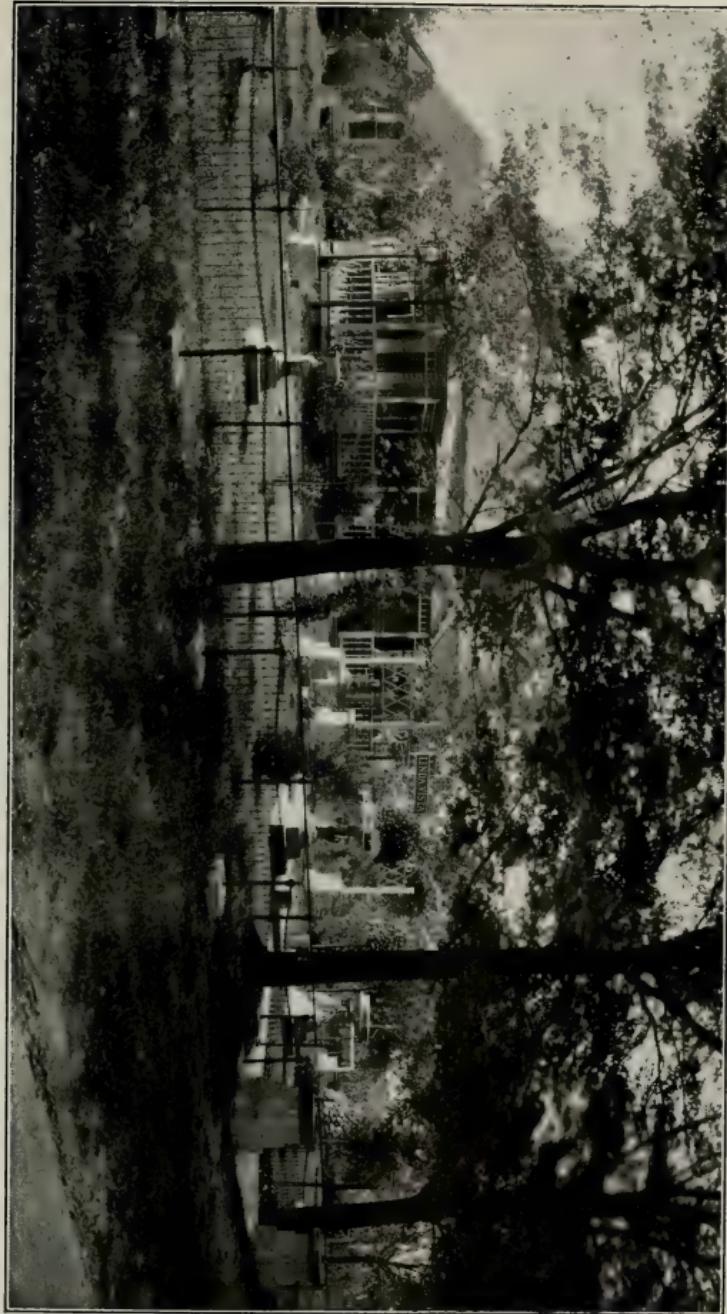
Another of the gallant veterans who went out to fight in defense of "the flag that has never touched the ground" in the days of its direst peril, the early sixties, is William F. Cobb. What a splendid sight it is to see the remnants of a once gigantic army, in their blue uniforms, marching past on special occasions; but they will all be beyond the Great Divide in a few more years, and nothing will be left but a memory. That memory should be something more than a sound. Their deeds should be perpetuated in song and story, in monument and perpetual commemoration, so that future generations may draw inspiration from their patriotism and valor. Mr. Cobb, who has devoted his life to carpentering and agricultural pursuits, is living quietly in his pleasant home in Marion township, Boone county, the interests of which he has long had at heart, and, according to those who know him well, has proven to be a good citizen in every respect, and his friends are many throughout the county.

Mr. Cobb was born in Harrison county, Ohio, December 8, 1838. He is a son of William and Mary (Copeland) Cobb, both natives also of the Buckeye state. The paternal grandparents, William Cobb, Sr., and his wife were natives of England, from which country they emigrated to the United States and were early settlers in Ohio. The maternal grandparents, Thomas and Mary Copeland, were Pennsylvania Dutch in blood. William Cobb, Jr., father of our subject, was born February 6, 1809. The mother was born October 10, 1816. These parents were married March 24, 1836, in Harrison county, Ohio. The father was a carpenter by trade, and in the fall of 1854 he brought his family overland to Boone county, Indiana, the trip requiring fifteen days. They located at the village of Northfield where they remained one year, renting a farm, the following spring removing to Marion township, on two hundred and forty acres of timbered land, which they purchased.





WILLIAM F. COBB



RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM F. COBB



The elder Cobb soon cleared a place for his house and built a rough log cabin. With the help of his son, our subject, many acres of the place were cleared and put under cultivation, and in due course of time they became very comfortably situated. There the death of the mother occurred on November 17, 1872, after which the father came to reside with our subject until his death, which occurred October 1, 1877, at the age of sixty-eight years seven months and twenty-five days. He had been justice of the peace for many years which office he held at time of death. His family consisted of the following children: Capt. Thomas A., of Marion township, this county, born January 21, 1837; William F., of this sketch; Jacob S., of Lebanon, Indiana, born August 25, 1841; Nancy, born August 11, 1843 is the widow of Thomas Evans, and is living in Lebanon; John, born October 6, 1845, was killed in Indianapolis by a railway train, left two children; Henry, born April 25, 1852, was killed in Lebanon by a fall, left widow and one child; James, born October 6, 1845, lives in Lebanon; Christina, born March 13, 1850, is the wife of Anthony Kincaid, of Lebanon; Mary L., born January 13, 1855, died December 29, 1862; Dorothy, born March 2, 1861, is the wife of Alfred Kincaid.

William F. Cobb, of this review, grew up on the home farm and attended the rural schools. When eighteen years of age he started to learn the trade of gunsmith with John Kincaid, in Boone county, and he continued until completing the same, becoming a skilled workman, then came to Marion township and started a gunsmith shop on his father's farm, and conducted the same successfully until the commencement of the Civil war, when, in the spring of 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served three years. He then was transferred to Company A, Fifty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, as one of the principal musicians, and as such he marched with Sherman to the sea. He was honorably discharged and mustered out at Goldsboro, North Carolina, March 28, 1865, after seeing considerable hard service, having always performed his duties as a soldier faithfully and uncomplainingly.

After the war Mr. Cobb returned home and resumed work in his shop, which he continued about six months, then began carpentering which he has made his principal life work ever since, being known as one of the most expert workmen in the county.

Mr. Cobb married, July 15, 1866, Amy G. Hileman, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, March 6, 1847. She is a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Wilson) Hileman, an old family of the above named county. After his marriage Mr. Cobb farmed his father's farm two years, then moved to two and one-half acres which his father-in-law gave him, in section 21, Marion township. After continuing the carpenter's trade about five years he bought a sawmill, which he operated nine years, doing a good business, then sold out and resumed carpenter work. He has added to his place until he now owns forty-three and three-fourths acres of good land, which he has improved in an up-to-date manner, including an attractive residence and outbuildings. No more beautiful lawn is to be found in the county. It is covered with stately shade trees, shrubbery, flower beds, urns, and other features, indicating that Mr. Cobb is something of a landscape gardner. His place is known as "Linda Vista" (French, meaning beautiful view.)

On April 19, 1885, Mr. Cobb was appointed chief of all mechanical lines, also of the fire department, in fact, had absolute charge of all repairing of the Indiana Central Hospital for the Insane at Indianapolis. He discharged his duties in an able and highly acceptable manner, until October 1, 1912, when he resigned and returned to his beautiful home in Boone county where he now lives, spending his declining years in quiet and surrounded by all the comforts of life, living with his son-in-law, John M. Kiser, who has conducted the place since Mr. Cobb first went to Indianapolis, twenty-nine years ago.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cobb: Orilla May, born April 15, 1867, wife of John M. Kiser, have two children, Vesta, born May 8, 1892 and Vern, born May 13, 1896; Mary Ellen, born March 12, 1871, wife of Peter Christian, of Rosston, Boone county; they have one child, Ethel G., born February 3, 1897. The wife and mother was called to her eternal rest on March 7, 1899, on her fifty-second birthday. On September 30, 1912, Mr. Cobb married Kate McCabe, who was born in Thrym, County Meath, Ireland, and she is a daughter of John and Mary (Clark) McCabe, who emigrated to American when Mrs. Cobb was young and settled in Crawfordsville, Indiana, where Mr. McCabe died in 1861. Mrs. Cobb was the widow of James Cassidy, by whom she had one son, Charles Cassidy, who is engaged in the garage business at Greencastle, Indiana. Mrs. Cobb was chief cook in the Indiana Central Hospital for the Insane at Indianapolis from 1889 until she married our subject.

Politically, Mr. Cobb has always been a Democrat. He served as trustee of Marion township, also as assessor of the same, one term each, a number of years ago, giving satisfaction to his constituents. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic Order, Lodge No. 526 at Rosston, Indiana, and the Chapter at Lebanon; he belongs to Lodge No. 644, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Indianapolis, and has passed all the chairs in the same. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He and his wife are intelligent, experienced, hospitable and charming people to meet.

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### WILLIAM J. WOOD.

One of the leading lawyers of the younger generation in the section of Indiana of which this history treats is William J. Wood, formerly prosecuting attorney of Boone county and who is enjoying an extensive practice in Lebanon, who, since retiring from office has built up an extensive clientele, being frequently retained in important cases in courts remote from his place of residence. No one knows better than he the necessity of thorough preparation for the trial of cases, and no one more industriously applies himself to meet the issues than he, though, being a true son of old Virginia, he is naturally of an ardent temperament, yet is always master of himself in the trial of cases and is rarely not at his best, being uniformly courteous and deferential to the court, and kind and forbearing to his adversaries. As a speaker he is direct, logical and forcible, and not infrequently truly eloquent. Owing to the pronounced success he has achieved in his chosen vocation so early in life, we predict for him a future replete with greater and higher honors than he yet has known.

William J. Wood was born November 10, 1882, in Scott county, Virginia. He is a scion of a fine old Southern family, and a son of Henry K. and Mary E. (Sutton) Wood, who spent their earlier years in Scott county, Virginia, from which they removed to Boone county, Indiana, in April, 1900, locating on a farm in Center township, east of Lebanon, and there became very comfortably established, but the elder Wood was destined not to long enjoy his new home, for he met his death in the Lincoln hotel fire in Chicago in December, 1902. The mother of our subject is now making her home in Lebanon.

William J. Wood was reared on the farm. He received his early education at Collingwood Academy, Fugate's Hill, Virginia, and also in the high school at Lebanon, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1902, after which he attended Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana, for two years. He then entered the law department of the University of Virginia, where he made an excellent record and from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1910. He had been admitted to the Boone county bar in June, 1909. He at once made an impression on the people of this county and before he received his diploma from the law school he was nominated by the Democrats for prosecuting attorney of Boone county, and was accordingly elected in November, 1910. He served a term of two years, until January 1, 1913, in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of his constituents, discharging his every duty with a fidelity, courage and tact which stamped him as a youth of no mean calibre and fortitude. He was the first prosecutor to occupy the magnificent new court-house. He had charge of the first grand jury, conducted the first case before the court and the first case before a jury in the new building, and when he was elected enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest prosecuting attorney in the state of Indiana, but he managed its affairs like a veteran of the bar and enforced law and order in the county without prejudice or bias. Since retiring from office he has continued in the practice of his profession alone, with offices near the court-house, over Morgan's shoe store. He is building up a rapidly growing business, and has been admitted to practice in all the state and federal courts, and is a member of the county bar association. Fraternally, he belongs to Boone Lodge, No. 9, Masonic Order, the Royal Arch Masons, Lebanon Commandery Knights Templar and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Murat Temple, Indianapolis. He also belongs to Lebanon Lodge No. 635, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is esteemed lecturing knight, and has been secretary of the lodge. He is prominent and active in fraternal circles.

Politically, Mr. Wood is a faithful Democrat and is active in the ranks. He is secretary of the Democratic City Committee. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has remained unmarried and lives with his mother at 924 North Lebanon street. He finds time, although very busy with his large practice, to superintend the valuable family farm

four and one-half miles east of Lebanon, which is a well-improved and productive farm, on which stands a substantial set of buildings. Mr. Wood has two sisters, Cora T., now the wife of W. Forest Duff, a farmer of Center township, and T. Jane Wood, who is at home. She is a competent teacher of art in the schools of Waynetown, Montgomery county, Indiana, and is a young lady of talent.

The Wood family is of English ancestry, and the first emigrant of the family came to Virginia, locating in the mountains, before the Revolutionary war, in which struggle members of the family participated, and had many thrilling experiences and conflicts with the Indians. The first land holdings of the family in Scott and Washington counties, Virginia, still remain in possession of the family, being handed down after the English fashion from generation to generation. Our subject, his mother and sisters have made hosts of friends since taking up their residence in Lebanon and are esteemed for their Southern hospitality and culture.

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#### ASHPBELL PARSON WILLARD HOOTON.

It is proper to judge of a man's life by the estimation in which he is held by his fellow citizens. They see him at his work, in his family circle, in church, hear his views on public questions, observe the operations of his code of morals, witness how he conducts himself in all the relations of society and civilization and are therefore competent to judge of his merits and demerits. After a long course of years of daily observation, it would be out of the question for his neighbors not to know of his worth, for, as has been said, "Actions speak louder than words." In this connection it is not too much to say that the several members of the Hooton family have ever stood high in the estimation of their neighbors and acquaintances, for their conduct has been honorable in all the relations of life and their duty well performed whether in private or public life, and they have ever been industrious, never waiting for some one else to do what they should accomplish themselves. These reflections have been especially noticeable in the career of Ashpbell Parson Willard Hooton, formerly an agriculturist and merchant, but at this writing the able and trustworthy recorder of Boone county, and a man active in local public affairs.

Mr. Hooton was born on a farm in Hendricks county, Indiana, January 1, 1859. He is a son of John and Matilda (Worrell) Hooton, both parents also natives of Hendricks county, where they grew to maturity, were educated in the early-day schools and there were married and established their home on a farm, which they made their home until 1872, when they removed to a farm in Center township, Boone county, and here became very comfortably established through their industry. The death of the father occurred June 18, 1910, but his widow survives. Politically, John Hooton was a Democrat and was active in public affairs, but never held office. He was well thought of by all who knew him.

A. P. W. Hooton, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm, and he received his education in the district schools, with one year in the high school in Lebanon. He began life for himself by clerking in various stores in Lebanon, continuing thus for a number of years, giving satisfaction to his employers. Then he engaged in the grocery business in Lebanon, which he continued for about four years, then served as deputy sheriff under Sheriff I. T. Davis, after which he again followed clerking in a general merchandise store, where he remained for eleven years. In 1891 he again engaged in the grocery business, which he continued for five years, during which he enjoyed an extensive trade. Selling out he retired from active life for a time, then resumed the grocery business, which he followed until 1901, when he sold out and moved to his brother's farm in Center township and farmed successfully for seven years. In 1909 he returned to selling groceries, opening a store in Lebanon, and there continued until 1911. He was elected county recorder in November, 1910, and assumed the duties of this office January 1, 1911, and is now serving a four years' term in a manner that reflects credit upon his ability and is winning the hearty approval of all concerned, irrespective of political alignment. He is an active Democrat. He served one term as a member of the city council from the third ward, from 1904 to 1908, although this has long been a strong Republican ward. He has served as a member of the Democratic County Committee frequently and has often been a delegate to county, district and state conventions. He is one of the leaders in his party in Boone county and wields an influence of no little importance. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Hooton was married October 10, 1883, to Effie M. Bridge, a

daughter of Albert R. and Elizabeth W. (Spencer) Bridge, a highly esteemed family of Burlington, Iowa, but formerly of Boone county, Indiana. To our subject and wife the following children have been born: John A. is married and is deputy county recorder; Ada M. married Clyde Stephens, and they live in Florida; Harry R. is married and lives in Lebanon; Frank B., Clarence, Ralph, Catherine and William are all at home. Mr. Hooton and family are members of the Baptist church, and are faithful in their attendance and support of the same.

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#### IRA E. CONRAD.

That parents have a wonderful influence upon the minds and hearts of their offspring cannot for a moment be gainsaid, hence the necessity of measuring up to the high standard which both nature and the Creator require of fatherhood and motherhood. In matter of birth Ira E. Conrad, one of the leading business men and representative citizens of the town of Zionsville, Boone county, has been fortunate, inheriting as he does the sterling characteristics of his ancestors, and he has been most careful to make the most of his innate ability and to keep untarnished the bright escutcheon of an honored family name, which has stood for good citizenship and right living in this section of the Hoosier state since the pioneer days.

Mr. Conrad was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, six miles northeast of Zionsville, July 10, 1869. He is a son of William Conrad, also a native of that county, and a grandson of Martin Conrad, who was born in North Carolina, and was an early settler in Hamilton county, where he experienced the usual hardships of frontiersmen in developing a farm from the wilderness. We first hear of David Conrad of Pennsylvania, who finally moved to North Carolina. He was a native of Germany, and he was the father of Martin Conrad, mentioned above. William Conrad married Sarah Brown, a native of Hamilton county, and a daughter of Joseph Brown, a well-known citizen of that county in a past generation. The death of William Conrad occurred in 1869 when our subject was an infant. The latter grew to manhood on the farm and received a common school education. He worked at various things in order to get a start in life and early turned his attention to

merchandising, working in a general store several years, finally being admitted as partner in the firm of Mills & Cropper. They carried on a large business until 1913 when the firm dissolved, and John Mills took the dry goods department and Miss Cropper and our subject took the furniture and undertaking end of the business, which they have since been conducting most successfully under the firm name of Cropper & Conrad, and are modernly equipped in every way and have a neat and well-furnished office and carry a complete and well-selected stock of furniture. Honest, prompt and high-grade service is their aim. They have a substantial and ample building and use both the lower and upper floors. Their business is rapidly increasing.

Mr. Conrad was married in 1898 to Anna M. Cropper, who was reared and educated in this community, and she is a daughter of E. S. Cropper and wife, both parents being now deceased. Her father was a successful business man in Zionsville for many years. His family consisted of the following children: Ella, wife of John M. Mills, well-known merchant of Zionsville; Alice, deceased; Nettie, Mrs. Anna M. Conrad and Maggie Sparks; Oliver died in 1913.

Politically, Mr. Conrad is a Democrat and he has served as town trustee. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic Order, and is treasurer of the local lodge. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a member of the Christian church.

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#### J. F. BRENDEL, M. D.

The name of Dr. J. F. Brendel, of Zionsville, Boone county will be held in lasting honor as one of the ablest physicians and surgeons that ever gave loyal service in behalf of suffering humanity in this locality, for his life has been characterized not only by the most adroit professional ability but also by the most profound human sympathy which overleaped mere sentiment to become an actuating motive, for when a youth he realized that there was no honor not founded on genuine worth, that there was a vital purpose in life and that the best and highest accomplishment must come from a well-trained mind and an altruistic heart. Those who know him well are unstinted in their praise of his superior ability and his genial and forceful individuality.



DR. J. F. BRENDL



Older men in the profession here have often relied upon his judgment and younger ones have frequently sought his counsel, all admitting his eminence.

Dr. Brendel was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, August 9, 1853. He is a son of Frederick Brendel, who was born in North Carolina, and was a son of John Brendel, a native of Germany, from which country he emigrated to America in an early day and founded the home in the new world. Frederick Brendel spent his earlier years in the old Tar state, and devoted his life to farming for the most part, however, conducted a grocery store for some years and also a general store, and was a successful man of affairs. He married Elizabeth Jones, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Benjamin Jones, a pioneer preacher and a widely-known man in his day, being one of the picturesque circuit riders in this country. He was of Scotch-English blood. The death of Frederick Brendel occurred in 1871, when past his three score and ten, he having been born in 1800. His wife was born in 1837 and her death occurred in 1856. Two children were born to them, Dr. J. F., of this sketch; and Dr. B. F., a prominent physician of Cass county, Nebraska.

Dr. J. F. Brendel was reared in Hamilton county. He received his early education in the common and high schools and by close home study. In 1881 he went to Cass county, Nebraska and studied medicine with his brother, Dr. B. F. Brendel, and he began practicing medicine in 1883, and has thus been continuously in the practice for a period of thirty years. He studied medicine in the Indiana Physio Medical College, from which he was graduated in March, 1892. He also took a post-graduate course in this institution in 1898. He established himself in the practice in Boone county and he and his son enjoy a large and lucrative practice, maintaining an office at Zionsville, being regarded among the leading general practitioners of the county.

Dr. J. F. Brendel was married January 20, 1878 to Mary Miller, who was born in 1860, in Indiana, and is a daughter of Louis O. Miller, also a native of this state. She has proven to be a most faithful and helpful companion, and has borne her husband three children, namely: Mattie, who married Erna Harvey, cashier of the bank at Zionsville; G. Stultz, the second child lives in Zionsville; and Dr. O. E., the youngest child, who was graduated from the Indiana Physio Medical College at Indianapolis, May 9, 1907. He is building up a large practice, and he and his father have a finely equipped

office, well-furnished and in a substantial building. The son married Helen Tarlton. The elder doctor and family are members of the Christian church, and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Modern Woodmen of America.

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### JOHN M. MILLS.

In touching upon the life history of John M. Mills, widely-known pioneer business man of Zionsville, the writer aims to avoid fulsome encomium and extravagant praise; yet he desires to hold up for consideration those facts which have shown the distinction of a true, useful and honorable life—a life characterized by perseverance, energy and well-defined purpose. To do this will be but to reiterate the dictum pronounced upon him by those who have known him so long and well, for Mr. Mills presents in his career an interesting study of the manner in which adherence to principle and sturdy endeavor may win worthy distinction in the common pursuits of life. Throughout an active and interesting career, duty has ever been his motive of action, and usefulness to his fellowmen not by any means a secondary consideration.

John M. Mills was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, seven miles northeast of Zionsville, January 2, 1850. He came with his father's family to Zionsville when seven years of age, began clerking in the store for his uncles, T. and J. D. Swaim, when twelve years old, and has been engaged in selling merchandise for more than fifty-three years, all of the time in Zionsville—with the exception of about ten months in business at Northfield, Indiana.

He is a son of William J. Mills, an early settler in Hamilton county, where he remained a few years, then came to Boone county, and was a soldier in the Civil war. He was born in Granger county, Tennessee, on February 14, 1824, and was the son of Richard and Rebecca (Worley) Mills, the eldest of ten children born to them.

William J. Mills was married in 1847 to Martha Swaim, a daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth Swaim, who came from North Carolina to this part of Indiana, about the year 1834. He enlisted in the union army in 1862, and served eighteen months in Company K, Fifty-fourth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Later he enlisted as a member of Company B, One Hun-

dred and Fiftieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war.

His family consisted of three sons, John M., of this review; T. P., who is present postmaster at Zionsville; William O., who is engaged in the real estate business in Zionsville.

The mother of the above named children died at the age of sixty-five years, and the father in his eightieth year.

John M. Mills grew up in his native community and received his education in the common schools. When only twelve years old he began clerking in a general store for his uncles; he remained with them for about seven years, then was with W. C. Vance at Northfield for ten months, then in partnership with his brother in a grocery at Zionsville for a few years, and then after being connected with three other firms, he in 1879 entered the shoe and furniture store of his father-in-law, E. S. Cropper. This business soon became the firm of E. S. Cropper and Company, after a few years Cropper & Mills, then upon the partial retirement of Mr. Cropper, Mills, Cropper & Company. Following the death of E. S. Cropper in 1902, the corporation of Mills-Cropper Company was formed, the stockholders being John M. Mills, Ira E. Conrad and the heirs of Mr. Cropper. John M. Mills was elected president and manager of this business, which position he held until the dissolution of the corporation in June, 1913. When the corporation was closed Mr. Mills purchased the stock of dry goods, shoes, clothing and furnishings, and has the largest store in the southern part of the county, and a very extensive business is carried on, Mr. Mills taking an active part, being assisted by his son, J. Clark Mills and Harry Pock, his son-in-law. They have a well-arranged and attractive store, and carry a large and carefully selected stock of up-to-date goods, and, dealing fairly and honestly and with uniform courtesy with their hundreds of customers, they have retained their old trade and secured new trade. They carry a twenty thousand dollar stock. This store would be a credit to cities much larger than Zionsville. Having been in business here for a half century the elder Mills is one of the best-known men in Boone county.

John M. Mills was married in 1876 to Maria E. Cropper, who was born in Hamilton county, but was reared and educated in Zionsville. She is a daughter of E. S. Cropper and wife. Our subject and wife have four children living and three deceased, namely: J. Clark, mentioned above; Ruby,

wife of Harry Pock; Donald Keith is attending the University of Chicago; Charles W. is a high school pupil; Myron was killed by the cars when eight years old; Raymond died when sixteen years old; Nona died when seventeen years old.

Politically, Mr. Mills is a Republican. He belongs to the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a gentleman of pleasing address, kind, obliging, and his character is exemplary, according to those who have known him here a half century.

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#### MONTRAVILLE WADDLE.

Fifty years ago when the slaveholders' rebellion broke out in all its fury at Fort Sumter and when it looked as if the Union, which we all now love so well, would be dissolved, Montraville Waddle, a venerable and esteemed citizen of Center township, Boone county, enlisted to do what he could in saving the federation of states, being perfectly willing, notwithstanding the grave dangers and certain hardships. It was a time when there could be no temporizing and no halting—no half-way position—for all who were not for the union were against it, and both sides hated the man who claimed to be neutral because he had not the courage to go upon the field of battle and had no principles to sustain. Mr. Waddle was alive to the gravity of the national conflict, realizing that the struggle impending was something more than a holiday undertaking and knew that it meant great sacrifices and the shedding of much precious blood before the flag could again wave from Maine to Florida and from the Atlantic to the Pacific seabords; but he did not hesitate, be it said to his everlasting credit. So for this and many other reasons the name of Mr. Waddle should be included in this history, not the least of the reasons being the fact that he is one of our oldest native-born citizens and that much of his life has been spent within our borders, and he has played no inconspicuous part in the general progress of the locality. He has led a life so free from aught that is paltry or ignoble that its parallel is not frequently met with, and now that the twilight shadows of life are enshrouding him he can look backward over a road well traversed and forward with no apprehension.

Mr. Waddle was born in Boone county, Indiana, March 14, 1838, but when he was two years old he was taken to Kentucky by his parents, Isaac and Polly (Burns) Waddle, both natives of that state, and soon after reaching "the land of the dark and bloody ground" the father died in 1840. He had devoted his life to farming, mostly in Kentucky, from which state he came to Boone county only a few years prior to the birth of our subject. He had four children, namely; Martha is deceased; James, Montraville and Mary are all living. The mother of these children died about 1885.

Montraville Waddle grew to the age of twelve years in Kentucky and he received a limited education in the old-time schools there, for he was compelled when a lad to assist in supporting his widowed mother and the rest of the family. He remained in that state until 1850, when the family moved back to Boone county, Indiana, and here he has continued to reside to the present time, devoting his attention to general farming and stock raising.

In October, 1861, Mr. Waddle enlisted in Company A, Fifty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Russell, and he proved to be a gallant soldier, seeing much hard service. He fought in the great battles of Stone River, Franklin, Nashville and those of the memorable Atlanta campaign. He was with the Army of the Cumberland, and was in the march to the sea under Gen. William T. Sherman. He was shot through the thigh at the battle of Nashville, after which he was compelled to lie on his back in the hospital for three months. Nothing daunted, he re-enlisted in 1863 in his old company, and he was in the last battle of the war. He was honorably discharged May 29, 1865.

After returning home Mr. Waddle worked out by the month for a year, or until his marriage, then went to farming for himself. He has been very successful and is owner of a finely improved and valuable farm of three hundred acres in Boone county, all tillable but about fourteen acres. He has a pleasant home, which he built himself. He has managed well, prospered and is now living in retirement from the actual work of the farm. Politically, he is a Progressive. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and, religiously, is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Waddle was married September 19, 1867, to Sarah McDow, who was born in Hendricks county, Indiana, June 25, 1842. She is a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Skunks) McDow, and she grew to womanhood in her native locality and was educated in the rural schools. The McDow

family has been one of the most influential and best known in this section of the state for several generations.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Waddle, namely: Elizabeth and Martha are both living; Edward, Fred and Bert are living; the other three died in infancy.

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#### JOHN F. ROUTH.

The specific history of the great Middle West was made by the pioneers; it was emblazoned on the forest trees by the strength of sturdy arms and a gleaming ax, and written on the surface of the earth by the track of the primitive plow. These were strong and true men who came to found the empire of the West—these hardy settlers who built their rude domiciles, grappled with the giants of the forest, and from the sylvan wilds evolved the fertile and productive fields which have these many years been furrowed by the plowshare. The red man, in his motley garb, stalked through the dim, woody avenues, and the wild beasts disputed his dominion. The trackless wilderness was made to yield its tribute under the effective endeavors of the pioneer, and slowly but surely were laid the steadfast foundations upon which has been built the magnificent superstructure of an opulent and enlightened commonwealth. To establish a home amid such surroundings and to cope with the many privations and hardships which were the inevitable concomitants, demanded an invincible courage and fortitude, strong hearts and willing hands. All those were characteristics of the pioneers, whose names and deeds should be held in perpetual reverence by those who enjoy the fruits of their toil, as do we of this generation. The Routh family, of whom John F., well-known retired farmer of Jefferson township, Boone county, is a sturdy representative, was a sterling pioneer family of northern Indiana, and indeed, our subject himself may be said to be a pioneer, his early life being spent in an early-day environment.

He was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, February 22, 1834. He is a son of Edward D. and Asenath (Wright) Routh, the father born in Ohio and the mother in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents were Jesse and Nancy (Douglas) Routh, natives of North Carolina. Samuel Wright, the

maternal grandfather, was born in County Down, Ireland, from which country he emigrated to the United States when young. He was a millwright by trade. He married a Miss Taylor. Edward D. Routh, mentioned above, came to Montgomery county, Indiana, in 1827, and was joined there the following year by his parents, and both these gentlemen entered land from the government near what is now the town of Ladoga. The country was all timbered, but these hardy frontiersmen were hard workers and courageous and minded not the hardships. They cleared and developed their land and became well-known citizens in that locality. The parents of our subject had married in Ohio. In 1840 they removed to Independence county, Arkansas, where they lived three years, then moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and three years later came to New Ross, Montgomery county, Indiana, where they remained until 1860, when they removed to Jackson township, Boone county, and lived at different places. Edward D. Routh was a physician, and enjoyed a wide practice wherever he established himself. While making a call his horse ran away, throwing him out of the buggy, and he was so badly injured that he died in 1872.

John F. Routh grew up amid those early environments and he received the usual educational advantages of those times. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, and worked out at various things until September 18, 1861, when he enlisted in Company B, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and was with the same in its operations in Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia, taking part in many important battles and skirmishes, undergoing great hardships, and during the service he was injured and was laid up for quite a while. He proved to be a very faithful soldier, according to his commanding officers, and was honorably discharged September 18, 1864, after a full three years' service. He at once returned to Boone county, Indiana, and on November 2, 1864, married Eliza Hiestand, who was born in Jefferson township, this county, November 13, 1843. She is a daughter of Manuel and Mary (Shreve) Hiestand, natives of Ohio. She was reared in Boone county and attended the early-day schools. About the time of his marriage our subject bought a farm in Jefferson township, this county, consisting of forty acres, to which he later added, until he now has an excellent farm of one hundred and forty acres, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation, erecting good buildings, etc. He has carried on successfully

general farming and raised horses, cattle and hogs. In 1908 he purchased, four acres in the village of Dover, on which he erected a fine residence, to which he moved, retiring from active farming, renting his land, and he and his faithful life companion are spending their declining years in quiet and comfort.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Routh: Jesse A. died in infancy; George E. lives in Hendricks county; Grant F. lives in Union township, Boone county; Manuel M. and Charles W. both live in Jefferson township, where also resides Amanda J., the wife of Orley Stewart.

Politically, Mr. Routh is a Republican. He is the oldest member of the local Christian church, which was organized at Dover about 1865, since which time he has been an elder continuously and during all that long period has been a pillar in the same, and, in fact, has been a leader in the upbuilding of the community for a half century.

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#### CALEB O. BROWN.

Within the past decade the farms of Indiana have advanced from two hundred to three hundred per cent. in selling value, and this in spite of the fact that every year the opinion has been more or less current that the top price had been reached, yet the tendency of the values continue steadily upward. What applies to one county of our great commonwealth, relates to the other divisions in this splendid corn belt as well as the changes that have come in the period of time mentioned have had no little effect upon the general tendency of farm values. The improvement of the country roads, the use of the auto, the equipment of farm homes, with their efficient heating, lighting and watering systems, the installation of power for operating pumps, washing machines, separators, churns and sewing machines, to say nothing of the larger power plants for shelling, grinding and cutting, have each contributed to the convenience, independence and profit of the farm.

One of the most progressive farmers and enterprising citizens is Caleb O. Brown, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, May 28, 1860. He is a son of John S. and Eliza A. (Osborn) Brown, the father a native of Hancock county, and the mother a native of Boone county, Indiana. The





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MRS. CALEB O. BROWN



paternal grandparents, Lucius and Alsey Brown, were natives of New Jersey and Indiana, respectively. The maternal grandparents, Caleb and Dicy (Gohst) Osborn, were both natives of Virginia. The father of the subject of this sketch was born in 1828, and the mother's birth occurred in 1832. The grandparents on both sides were very early settlers in Indiana. Grandfather Brown came to Boone county from Hancock county. After their marriage the parents of our subject settled in Montgomery county, just over the line from Boone county. On January 1, 1861, they sold out and bought one hundred and sixty acres, our subject's present farm in Jefferson township. Only a small clearing had been made on the place, and much of the place was a swamp. The elder Brown started to clear and improve the place, doing extensive ditching. He added forty acres later and here he made a success as a general farmer. His death occurred June 1, 1890, his wife having preceded him to the grave on December 2, 1886. The following children were born to them: Josephine, who married W. D. Denny, of Jefferson township; George E. died in Kansas in 1887; Caleb O., of this review; Dicy is the wife of Parson B. Chambers, of Indianapolis.

Caleb O. Brown grew up on the home farm and received his education in the common schools. On September 5, 1885, he married Rebecca Todd, who was born in Franklin county, Indiana, and is a daughter of Joseph and Ann (Rockafeller) Todd, natives of New Jersey. To this union one child was born, Hazel, now the wife of Harry Sumpter, of Jefferson township. The wife and mother passed to her rest in the Silent Land in April, 1887. On March 15, 1889, Mr. Brown married Clara B. Edwards, a native of Montgomery county, born December 8, 1865, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Dice) Edwards. Two children were born by this marriage, Helen, born April 26, 1890, and Ruby, born August 15, 1894, who married Charles E. Johnson and lives on Mr. Brown's farm.

After his marriage, Mr. Brown moved to forty acres his father had given him, and on which stood a log cabin. Here he lived, constantly improving the place, until 1900. He had prospered by good management and hard work, and had added to his original holdings until he had one hundred and thirty acres. He bought out the heirs of the homestead in 1900. He has remodeled the house and built barns and made other up-to-date improvements. The home place consists of two hundred and twenty acres, and one-

half mile north lies his one hundred and forty acres, also well improved. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stockman, carrying on both on an extensive scale. He raises registered stock, horses, cattle and hogs and owns and handles more registered Percheron horses than any one man in the county. He has handled all the land himself most successfully, too, and is regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of Boone county, and is one of the financially strong men of Jefferson township. He organized the Hazelrigg Telephone Company and made it a pronounced success, also helped organize all the other local co-operative telephone companies in the county. He was the first president of the former company and was a director in the same many years. He is also a director in the Union Trust Company of Lebanon. He is regarded by all who know him as a business man of exceptional ability, sound of judgment and keen discernment, and honorable in all his dealings with his fellowmen, so that he has ever enjoyed their confidence and esteem.

Politically, Mr. Brown is a Republican, and has been active and influential in public affairs for many years. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic Order, No. 113, and the Knights of Pythias, No. 124, both at Thorntown; also under the former belongs to the Chapter, Council and Commandery at Lebanon; and to the Scottish Rite and Mystic Shrine of Indianapolis. Personally, Mr. Brown is a genial, courteous and companionable gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

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#### CHARLES H. DENGER.

The intense interest that is being awakened in agricultural development and the expression of true friendship indicated by organized and individual efforts of many good citizens, is one of the most encouraging signs of the times, but the waste of effort through impractical methods and the lack of co-ordination and co-operation is one of the regrettable things of the present generation. The efficiency of every dollar now invested in promoting agriculture can be increased a hundred-fold by a clearer understanding of the farmer and his needs on the part of those who appreciate and direct the expenditure. And it is fair to suggest to those who would teach us efficiency in any vocation

that they study it as well. One of the progressive farmers of Boone county who was not only properly taught in the various phases of his vocation but who, being of an inquisitive turn of mind, has diligently sought to find things out for himself, also to aid others to better their condition along life's rugged highway is Charles H. Denger, who owns a fine farm in Center township.

Mr. Denger was born June 4, 1849, in Troy, New York. He is a son of Peter and Mariar (Butts) Denger. The father was born in Germany, October 17, 1821, and there he spent his childhood, emigrating to New York when sixteen years of age, after receiving his early education in the Father-land. Remaining in the East a number of years he came to Ottawa, Illinois, in 1855, remaining there until 1893, when he removed to Pulaski county, Indiana, where his death occurred in 1906, at the age of eighty-five years, five months and sixteen days. He devoted his life successfully to general farming. The mother of the subject of this sketch was also a native of Germany, born there December 17, 1826, and her death occurred in 1887, being sixty-one years, two months old. To Peter Denger and wife nine children were born, seven of whom are still living, namely: Peter, Jr., is deceased; Charles H., of this sketch; Elizabeth is deceased; Edward lives in Medaryville, Indiana; Leffa lives in Medaryville, Indiana; Emma lives in Armour, South Dakota; Daniel lives in Daws, Iowa; Albert lives in Iowa; William lives in Cissna Park, Illinois.

Charles H. Denger was reared on the home farm, and he received his education in the common schools in LaSalle county, Illinois, also attended high school, after which he taught school one term. He then turned his attention to farming, which he has since followed with much success. He remained in Illinois until 1903, when he removed to Boone county, Indiana, and located in Center township, where he now owns an excellent farm of one hundred and forty acres, which is well improved and on which stand a good home and numerous outbuildings. He also owns forty acres of valuable land near Roswell, New Mexico, where he spent last winter. He is very comfortably fixed owing to his thrift and industry, and is known as a good citizen wherever he has resided. Mr. Denger lived in Rolla, Missouri, in the year 1870, and in 1881 moved to Broken Bow, Custer county, Nebraska, where he remained for nearly a year. Politically, he is a Democrat, and in religious matters belongs to the Baptist church.

Mr. Denger was married June 29, 1882, to Charlotte J. Smith, who was

born in Washington, Illinois, October 2, 1860. She was reared in her native community and there received a good education. She is a daughter of Silas and Sarah (George) Smith, a highly respected family of Washington. Silas Smith died at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife, Mrs. Smith, is living near Lebanon, Indiana, and is now eighty years old.

Twelve children, seven of whom are living, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Denger, namely: Charles Arthur, born May 13, 1883, died March 23, 1907; Addison, born July 3, 1884, is living; May, born November 9, 1886, died January 31, 1908; Lottie C., born May 8, 1888, is living in Lebanon; Wilbur, born March 10, 1890, died May 22, 1908; James, born July 1, 1892, died June 24, 1908; Frank, born February 6, 1894, died in August, 1910; Florence, born March 4, 1896; Leslie, born March 18, 1898; Walter, born April 11, 1899; Kenneth, born June 21, 1902; and Carl H., born October 1, 1905, he being the youngest child.

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#### THOMAS F. ALLEN.

Boone county can boast of few more progressive and successful farmers and stockmen than the well-known gentleman whose name furnishes the caption of this review, Thomas F. Allen, now living in retirement in his commodious home in Lebanon. He has long been considered both a leader in agricultural affairs and stock shipping, and by his close application and sound judgment has accumulated valuable property and a competency, although starting with nothing but willing hands and a laudable ambition to succeed. As a citizen he is intelligent and enterprising, combining within himself those sterling qualities of manhood that make not only a useful member of society, but a leader in the affairs of his community. He has ever had an honest determination of purpose and an obliging nature which has impelled him to assist others on the highway of life while making plain the prosperity for himself and family.

Mr. Allen was born August 7, 1855, in Putnam county, Indiana. He is a son of George and Mary (Watson) Allen. The father was born in Kentucky in 1822, and when five years of age his parents brought him to Indiana, thus being among the earliest settlers in Putnam county, where the grandfather of our subject developed a farm from the dense woods. He served

during the war of 1812 and was captured by the Indians during this war. There George Allen grew to manhood and received a meager education in the old-time country schools. He devoted his life to farming and stock raising and died October 22, 1908. His wife was also a native of Kentucky, and she died about fifty years ago, when our subject was a child. He is the youngest of the family and the only one living out of five sons and one daughter, namely: Mary C., William M., John, James and Samuel are all deceased; Thomas F., of this review.

Thomas F. Allen grew to manhood on the home farm in Putnam county, and there he learned the ins and outs of farming and handling live stock, and he received a limited education in the public schools of his native community. When a young man he began farming and buying stock, and he came to Boone county in 1880 and worked out for seventy-five cents a day at farm work and boarded himself, and later he began trading in horses and thereby got a good start in life and has continued stock dealing ever since with a large measure of success attending his efforts. He is now owner of two finely improved and valuable farms in Washington township, one hundred and eighty-two and one-half acres in all, well improved and all tillable. He keeps his land rented and is living in retirement in a fine home on East Main street, Lebanon.

Mr. Allen has been twice married, first, to Sarah Stewart, on August 25, 1875, in Putnam county, where she was born and reared; her death occurred July 17, 1886. To this union two children were born: Harry E. is deceased, married in 1896 to Jessie Riley, native of Boone county. They had two children, Pansy and Carl. They are now living in Denver, Colorado; Earle J. is engaged in the buying and shipping of horses at Roachdale, Indiana. He was married on October 26, 1909, to Maude Thompson, a native of Putnam county. On November 25, 1886, Mr. Allen married Louisa J. Shulse, who was born in Boone county April 14, 1858. She is a daughter of John M. and Mary J. (Bowers) Shulse, and she grew to womanhood in this county and was educated in the public schools and the high school in Lebanon. Her father was born in Kentucky, June 1, 1830, and is still living on a farm in Boone county, is well known and highly respected here. His wife was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in 1835, and her death occurred March 24, 1864. This second union of our subject has been without issue.

Politically, Mr. Allen is a Democrat; fraternally, a member of the Knights of Pythias in Lebanon, and he and his wife belong to the Christian church.

## C. W. SHAW.

We rarely find two persons in every-day life who attribute their success in their different spheres to similar qualities. Hard work and plodding industry paved the way for one, good judgment and a keen sense of values for another, intuition and a well-balanced mind for the third. An admixture of some of the qualities above named, emphasized by hard work, has been responsible for the success of C. W. Shaw, proprietor of a popular garage in Lebanon, in his battle for the spoils of victory, these winning attributes having descended from a hardy ancestry who played well their parts in the early history of this locality, having done their share of the rough work necessary to redeem the fertile land from the wild state in which the first settlers found it, and it is to such as these that we of today are greatly indebted for the good farms, the thriving towns, excellent schools and numerous churches to be found in every community.

Mr. Shaw was born January 3, 1859, in Harrison township, Boone county. He is a son of John M. and Mary G. (Robison) Shaw. The father was born in Kentucky, where he spent his earlier years, but removed to Boone county, Indiana, when a young man and here spent the rest of his life engaged in general farming. Here he was married, and here he died in 1903. The mother of our subject was also a native of Kentucky, and she came to this locality when young. Her death occurred in 1907. To these parents three children were born, namely: Mrs. Mary I. Bennett, C. W., of this sketch; and Carrie, who is deceased.

C. W. Shaw grew to manhood on the home farm in Harrison township, and he received a common school education. He began life for himself as a farmer, and this has continued to be his chief life work. He owns one hundred and thirty acres of finely improved and productive land in this county and has a good home and keeps a splendid grade of live stock. Although he oversees the general farm work on his place, he is residing in Lebanon, where he went into the garage business in 1913, in partnership with Ward Brenton, under firm name of Brenton & Shaw. They have a general repair shop and storage for automobiles at 224-226 South Lebanon street. They are well equipped for prompt and high-grade service, and have already built up a large and rapidly-growing business.

Mr. Shaw was married September 27, 1890, to Catherine Courtney,

who was born in Boone county July 6, 1871. She is a daughter of Michael and Johannah (Smith) Courtney, both natives of Ireland, from which country they emigrated to the United States when young and prior to their marriage. Mrs. Shaw was called to her eternal rest on February 27, 1911, leaving four children, namely: Ruth, born September 6, 1891, married Ernest Cook, and they live on our subject's farm; Jacob, born July 4, 1895; John and Frank, twins, born February 6, 1897.

Politically, Mr. Shaw is a Progressive, and he has the reputation of being a good citizen in every respect.

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#### JAMES W. ADAIR.

One of the most progressive and painstaking agriculturists of Center township, Boone county, is James W. Adair, a young man who is a worthy representative of the great middle class of Anglo-Saxons from which the true noblemen of our republic spring; for it is a fact patent to all contemplative minds that those who belong to the respectable middle class of society, being early taught the necessity of relying upon themselves, depending upon their own exertions, will be more apt to acquire that information and those business habits which alone can fit them to discharge life's duties in a commendable manner, and, indeed, it has long been a noticeable fact that our great men in many walks of life in America spring from this class.

Mr. Adair was born August 27, 1881, in Champaign county, Illinois. He is a son of D. W. and Ceryna (Norton) Adair, the father a native of the Dominion of Canada, and the mother was born in Michigan. They each moved to Illinois when young, the father leaving his native land in 1871 and they were married in Illinois. They now live on a farm near Lebanon. They are the parents of two children, Mrs. Bessie Redick and James W., of this review.

James W. Adair grew to manhood on the home farm and there he assisted with the general work when a boy, and he received his education in the common schools in Champaign county, Illinois, and was graduated from the high school in 1901, then attended the State Agricultural College at Urbana for a while. He began life for himself as a farmer and this has con-

tinued to be his line of endeavor. He moved to Boone county, Indiana, in 1906 and began farming in Center township on the fine farm of his father, which consists of two hundred and seventy-one acres, which is well-tilled, in fact under a high state of improvement and cultivation, all tillable but a small portion which is in timber. The mother of our subject also owns seventy-one acres of good land. Mr. Adair is carrying on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, handling draft horses and a general breed of cows and hogs. He is a very careful and painstaking farmer and his expenditure of labor and excellent management are annually rewarded with large crops of all kinds and good returns for his live stock.

Politically, Mr. Adair is a Progressive. Fraternally, he belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, and he attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Adair was married December 7, 1904, to Ethel Bocock, who was born in Champaign county, Illinois, November 26, 1881. She is a daughter of Solomon and Amy (Boots) Bocock. She grew to womanhood in her native county and received a good education in the common and high schools, studied music in which she is naturally talented and later she taught music successfully.

To our subject and wife the following children have been born, namely: Bernice, born October 1, 1905; Helen, born April 20, 1907; Howard, born February 3, 1909; Lucille, born June 4, 1911; Mabel, born July 30, 1912; Willard, born November 14, 1913.

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#### DENNIS HALPIN.

One of the best remembered and most highly respected citizens of Boone county in a past generation, who, after a successful and honorable career, uncomplainingly began his journey to that mystic clime, Shakespeare's "undiscovered bourne from whence no traveler e'er returns," leaving behind him a heritage of which his descendants may well be proud—an untarnished name—was Dennis Halpin, a progressive lumberman and agriculturist, who played well his role in the local drama of civilization. He was a man of industry and public-spiritedness, willing at all times to do his full share in the work of development, never neglecting his larger duties to

humanity, being obliging and neighborly, kind and genial, which made him popular with all classes and won the respect and good will of those with whom he came into contact.

Mr. Halpin was born March 25, 1852, in Chicago, Illinois. He was a son of John Halpin, who was a native of Ireland, where the mother of our subject was also born. There they grew to maturity, were educated and married and when young, emigrated to America, locating in Chicago when it was a comparatively small city, and there all the living members of this family still reside except the widow of the subject of this memoir. The family of John Halpin consisted of five children, all now deceased.

Dennis Halpin grew to manhood in Chicago and there received a good education in the common schools. He finally came to Indiana and engaged successfully in the lumber business at New Ross and in Lebanon, building up an extensive trade through his able management and foresight. He also engaged successfully in general farming and became one of the substantial and well-to-do men of Boone county, and left his widow a valuable estate. Politically, he was a Democrat, but was never an office seeker. Fraternally, he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he was a faithful attendant at the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his widow is a member.

Dennis Halpin was married June 1, 1879, to Mrs. Agnes (Jones) Egbert. She was born in Pennsylvania, February 5, 1844, and is a daughter of Robert and Mary (McConnell) Jones, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Jones was a successful business man. Mrs. Halpin received a good education. She was first married to Isaac Egbert, August 20, 1862. He was born in New Jersey and when a boy he removed with his parents to Franklin county, Indiana, where he married Agnes Jones, and they moved to Boone county in 1864, locating in Center township, and Mr. Egbert became a leading citizen of this county, engaging extensively in general farming, stock raising, also the lumber business. At the time of his death he owned forty acres of good land and a sawmill. He died December 30, 1875, leaving a widow and four sons, namely: George, born August 20, 1863; William H., born July 4, 1865; Austin M., born August 28, 1867; and Robert A., born June 1, 1869.

Mrs. Halpin is a woman of strong mentality and rare industry and is well-liked wherever she is known. Her pleasant and tastily kept home is well located two and one-half miles south of Lebanon, and she owns one of the choice and well-improved farms of Center township, which consists of

two hundred and five acres, and together with her four sons the family owns and operates successfully about six hundred acres of fine land.

The death of Dennis Halpin occurred August 31, 1912, and he will long be remembered and deplored by a wide circle of warm friends.

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#### ROBERT T. ASHLEY.

It is a good sign when a county like Boone can boast of so many of her enterprising farmers, business and professional men who are native sons, for it indicates that here are to be found all the opportunities necessary to insure success in the material affairs of life and that her native sons, unlike so many from various sections, have found it to their advantage to remain at home. They have been wise in doing this, for Nature has offered the husbandman unusual advantages here and seldom fails to reward the honest worker with gratifying results, and when the tillers of the soil are prosperous, all lines of business flourish, consequently, not only the farmers have succeeded in Boone county but also the merchants, millers, lumbermen, stock dealers, and many others, and the county ranks well with the thriving sections of this or any other state. One of the worthy native-born citizens of this county, formerly a successful teacher, but for many years a progressive agriculturist is Robert T. Ashley, of Lebanon.

Mr. Ashley was born March 27, 1861, on a farm near Jamestown, Indiana. He is a son of A. J. and Lucretia (Cassity) Ashley. The father was a native of Kentucky, from which state he came to Indiana when a young man, locating, after his marriage, in Boone county, and here he engaged in farming until his death, in 1863. His wife was born also in Kentucky, and has been deceased many years. He was a soldier in the Civil war. His family consisted of four children, one being now deceased, namely: William H. is the oldest; Josiah T. is deceased; Robert T., of this sketch; and Jackson C. is the youngest.

Robert T. Ashley grew up on the farm and he received his early education in the common schools, also spent a year in the State Normal at Terre Haute, then taught school for a period of nine years, three years of that time being spent in Hendricks county. He gave eminent satisfaction as an educa-

tor, and his services were in great demand. In the fall of 1894 he came to Boone county and taught in New Brunswick for one term, then gave his whole attention to a farm of eighty-five acres in Harrison township, which he bought. This he operated successfully until 1896, when he removed to Lebanon, where he owns a cozy home at 330 North East street. He owns a farm of thirty-eight acres at the west edge of Lebanon, which he is still managing.

Mr. Ashley was married March 3, 1886, to Nettie F. Gillaspie, who was born in Boone county, near Jamestown, January 8, 1867. She is a daughter of Francis C. and Sarah A. (Shroud) Gillaspie, a highly respected family of that vicinity, and there Mrs. Ashley grew to womanhood and received a common school education.

Four children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Bertha B., born March 16, 1887, died February 5, 1905; Ruby V., born May 19, 1889, died August 31, 1890; Winnie May, born June 3, 1895; Jerald Wayne, born March 2, 1896, both at home.

Politically, Mr. Ashley is a Democrat, and has been active in the ranks. He was elected assessor of Boone county in 1906, and served four years in a manner that was highly creditable to himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Co-operative Insurance Association of Boone County and served as secretary-treasurer for twelve years. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Lebanon, and in religious matters he and his wife are members of the Christian church. Mr. Ashley is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Lebanon.

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#### GEORGE WASHINGTON SILVER.

Nearly eighty years have dissolved in the mists of the irrevocable past since George Washington Silver, venerable pioneer, now living retired in Worth township, Boone county, first saw the light of day. He has lived through one of the most remarkable, and in many respects the most wonderful, epoch in the world's history. There will never be another like it, for it embraced the period when the strong-armed homeseekers from the eastern states invaded the great Middle West (his parents being among the number).

and redeemed it from the wilds, bringing it up through various stages to the present high state of civilization. To all this he has been a most interested, and by no means a passive, spectator, having sought to do his full share in the work in the progress of the various communities which he has selected as his place of abode. He talks most interestingly of the early days, when customs and manners were different, men and women were different, everything, in fact, unlike what our civilization is today. He and other old pioneers are of the opinion that those were better, at least happier, times than now, and this is, in the main, true.

Mr. Silver was born in Marion county, Indiana, May 17, 1834. He was a son of Samuel and Anna Eliza (Johnson) Silver, natives of New Jersey, where they spent their earlier days and from which state they made the long overland journey west, locating in Marion county, Indiana, about 1832, settling four miles from Indianapolis, having previously lived for a time in Ohio. They were of German descent. They purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land upon their arrival in the Hoosier state, for which they paid nine hundred dollars. Boone county at that time was a veritable swamp, with few inhabitants. The parents of our subject cleared and improved their land and there spent the rest of their days.

George W. Silver grew up on the home farm in Marion county, where he worked hard when a boy. He was compelled to work hard and therefore had little opportunity to obtain an education. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, then went to Indianapolis, where he teamed, later worked at farming, and he paid board until his marriage, on September 3, 1858, to Lucinda Eaton, who was born in Marion county, this state, September 3, 1838, and there grew to womanhood and received her education in the rural schools. She is a daughter of Bluford and Nancy (Tipps) Eaton, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Virginia.

After his marriage our subject rented land a few years, then he and his brother-in-law, George W. Harlin, bought a general store at New Bethel, Indiana, which they kept a year, then sold it, and Mr. Silver came to Boone county and bought forty-five acres of land in Center township, later buying and selling land until he owned one hundred and twenty acres, on which he carried on general farming and stock raising successfully. Retiring from active work, he rented his farm and moved to Lebanon, where he lived five years, then returned to his farm, where he remained about two years, then,

in 1905, bought thirty-seven and one-half acres in Worth township. He rents his farm in Clinton township, and his son, A. B. Silver, looks after the home farm, where he and his wife reside.

To Mr. and Mrs. George W. Silver the following children have been born: Mary Etta died in infancy; Calverv died when nineteen years of age; Arthur Bluford, of Worth township, who operates the home farm; Alva died when fifteen years of age; Irene died at the age of thirteen years.

Politically, Mr. Silver is a Republican, and he and his good wife are members of the Baptist church at Whitestown, of which he has been deacon since 1878, and was a trustee and deacon in the church for fifteen years at Elizaville. He has lived an upright and honorable life and has always borne a good reputation.

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#### JAMES ISENHOUR.

A large number of the early pioneers of Boone county have passed to their reward and now rest from their labors, but here and there a scattered few remain, honored heroes of a former day and generation, bent under time's autograph indelibly stamped upon their brows, but still sturdy and independent of spirit, as when in the long ago it was common for young men to cut loose from their moorings of civilization and penetrate the woods and traverse the trackless wildernesses in search of new homes and new destinies. Among those who have borne an active part in the pioneer history of this locality is the Isenhour family, of whom the well-known farmer of Worth township whose name introduces this sketch is a member, whom to know is to honor and respect. James Isenhour, a Hoosier by birth, has long been one of the highly esteemed citizens of the vicinity of his residence and it is with pleasure that the following brief outline of his life and achievements is accorded a place in this volume which is devoted to a review of Boone county's representative men. That he is one of such, no one who has known him since his residence began in our midst, some sixty-six years ago, will deny.

Mr. Isenhour was born in Monroe county, Indiana, December 11, 1847. He is a son of Jonathan and Margaret (Whisnand) Isenhour, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Tennessee. Grandfather John Isenhour was born in North Carolina, and Grandfather Isaac J. Whisnand

was a native of Tennessee. They were both very early settlers in Monroe county, Indiana, and in that county the parents of our subject were married and settled, removing from there in 1848 to Worth township, Boone county, where they purchased a large tract of land, which they cleared and developed into a fine farm, and here they spent the rest of their lives, the father dying August 22, 1895; the mother died November 22, 1910. They reached advanced ages. Their children were: Rebecca, who married Jackson Laughner; Isaac J. died in 1909; John E. lives in Marion county; George died in September, 1910; James, of this review; William died in 1908; Ellen is the wife of John F. Day, of Lebanon.

James Isenhour grew to manhood on the home farm, where he worked hard when a boy, and he received his education in the common schools. He remained with his parents until his marriage, January 15, 1874, to Eliza Markland, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, September 10, 1850. She is a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Stultz) Markland, both natives of North Carolina. After his marriage our subject rented land in Worth township for over twenty years, then bought forty acres in the same township, part of his land having been improved, and he placed all of it under good improvement, and, as he prospered through close application and the exercise of good judgment, he added to his original purchase until he became owner of two hundred and fifteen acres of valuable land, in two farms, and he made a pronounced success as a general farmer and stock raiser. His son works part of his land. In the spring of 1895 our subject moved to his present residence at Whitestown, where he is spending his declining years surrounded by all the comforts of life as a result of his earlier days of activity. Mr. Isenhour has met with misfortune, but he is not the kind to sit down and bemoan his fate, but with proper fortitude has born it uncomplainingly. In 1888, while shooting hawks, powder burned his right eye so severely that he lost the sight of that organ. In 1907 he was run over by a heavily loaded wagon. It was winter and the temperature was below zero. Unable to help himself and no one being near, he was compelled to lie three hours on the cold ground without attention. His right hip was badly injured and his right thigh broken. He was laid up three months from this accident, and then could go about only with crutches. Since that time his other eye has been failing him, and now he cannot distinguish objects.

Mr. Isenhour is a Democrat, and, religiously, he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

To our subject and wife the following children have been born: W. Hallie, of Fountaintown, Indiana; Walter died at the age of thirty-one years; Bert lives in Worth township; Guy died when twenty-eight years of age; Cleveland lives in Whitestown; Arbie lives at home; John lives in Whites-town; Frank lives at home.

Our subject has lived an upright and helpful life and is highly respected throughout the county, being widely known, for here his long life has been spent, he having been but a year old when his parents brought him here.

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#### ABRAHAM L. KLINGLER.

"The Song of the Forge" has ever been pleasant to the ears of Abraham L. Klingler, a skilful and popular blacksmith of the village of Terhune, Marion township, Boone county, whose well-equipped shop draws hundreds of patrons from remote parts of the locality, for here they know that they will receive prompt and careful attention. A criterion of his high-grade work is shown from the fact that many of his customers have patronized him for a number of years, refusing to have any other to do their blacksmithing. It is as much of an art to shoe a horse properly as it is to fill a tooth scientifically or adjust a pair of spectacles to failing eyes, and it takes close observation and long practice to become an expert farrier. Those personally acquainted with Mr. Klingler may note a similarity in Longfellow's "village smithy, a man with large and sinewy arms as strong as iron bands," not so much perhaps, from a physical resemblance and certainly not that he "stands under a spreading chestnut tree," for Mr. Klingler has one of the most up-to-date shops to be found in the county, but at least from a standpoint of honesty, for "he looks the whole world in the face, and goes on Sunday to the church."

Mr. Klingler was born in Union township, Boone county, January 9, 1862. He is a son of Francis and Mary (Mullen) Klingler, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of North Carolina. Both grandparents of our subject were early settlers in Boone county, and here the parents of the subject were early settlers in Boone county, and here the parents of the subject were married and settled on a farm in Union township. Fourteen children

were born to them, six of whom are living at this writing, namely: Sarah is the wife of Jacob Dye, of Nebraska; John lives at Gadsden, Indiana; William N. lives in Union township; George and Morton both live in Union township; Abraham L. lives in Marion township.

Abraham L. Klingler was reared on the home farm and educated in the rural schools. When seventeen years of age he started out for himself, and with his mother moved to Brown county, Indiana, where he remained seven months, then returned to Boone county and began working out by the day in Union township. In 1883 he took up his residence in Terhune and, with his brother, George, conducted a portable sawmill for a period of ten years; selling out he went to Kirklin and started with his brother. Two years later he returned to Terhune, took over the sawmill which his brother had conducted in the meantime, and since then he has also conducted a blacksmith shop here. His brother George went to Mississippi in 1897 and remained in that state three years, conducting a sawmill, and, coming back, he started a drug store, operating three years in Terhune.

Mr. Klingler carries on a general blacksmithing business, including repairing, horseshoeing and woodwork, and is kept very busy. His work in all lines is high-class. He owns a lot and a half in the village of Terhune where his shop is located. He also owns seven and one-half acres of valuable land just east of the village, on which he has a fine residence, which is neatly furnished. He has remained unmarried. Politically, he is a Republican, but has never been active in political affairs. Fraternally, he belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, Lodge No. 117, of Sheridan, Indiana.

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#### ROBERT D. BILLINGSLY.

There can be no impropriety in scanning the acts of any man as they affect his public, social and business relations, so in this biographical work will be found mention of worthy citizens of all vocations, and at this juncture we are permitted to offer a resume of the career of one of the substantial and highly esteemed representatives of the agricultural interests of Jefferson township, Boone county, for Mr. Billingsly has maintained his home for many





years and where he has not only attained a high degree of success in his chosen field of labor and enterprise, but also established an imperishable reputation for uprightness in all the relations of life.

Robert D. Billingsly was born in Johnson county, Indiana, November 4, 1841. He is a son of Samuel and Maria Louisa (Harbert) Billingsly, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Indiana. Samuel Billingsly came to this state in an early day, when he was a young man, making the long overland journey with three sisters. They located in Johnson county, where he took up forty acres of land from the government. He improved this and added to it until he became owner of a half section and was one of the leading farmers of his vicinity. His death occurred in 1896, his widow surviving until in 1903.

Robert D. Billingsly grew to manhood on the home farm and he received his education in the district schools. He remained on the home place until he was twenty-eight years old then started in life for himself. In the spring of 1863 he enlisted in the Confederate army, in the Fourth Kentucky Mounted Infantry, under Colonel Giltner, and he served gallantly until the close of the war, having taken part in numerous campaigns and engagements, including the battle of Knoxville. Although he had two horses shot from under him he was never injured. After the war he returned home and remained with his parents four or five years. He was married February 12, 1871, to Delila Kaplinger, a native of Johnson county where she was reared and educated. He later removed to Boone county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in section 11, Jefferson township, the land being timbered, however, much of it had previously been blown down by a cyclone which swept a strip through Boone county in the sixties. Our subject lived in a tent a few days until he could erect a cabin, his wife remaining with him through it all. He began clearing the land and placing it under cultivation. Much ditching was required, some of the land being swampy, and several years passed before he had it under proper improvement and cultivation, but he persevered, worked hard and managed well and in due time a large measure of success attended his efforts. It was not until 1880 that he got a ditch surveyed which gave him an outlet, then he began tiling, and laid one thousand rods of tile, and he now has one of the most productive and valuable farms in the township.

He purchased and improved forty acres in his neighborhood, which he later sold and his place now consists of one hundred and sixty acres, his original homestead. In 1889 he built a large brick residence, also substantial barns and other buildings. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser.

Mr. Billingsly's first wife died in 1875, leaving two children, Maria Ann, born January 13, 1872, married Melvin Eddington, a farmer of Jefferson township and they have two children, Edna and Gracie; and Jane, born May 9, 1873, married Thomas DeBard, a farmer of Michigan, and they have five children, Bertha, Maria (deceased), Harry, Raymond and Wilbur; Edgar born January 17, 1875, died in infancy. On March 10, 1878, our subject married Mary J. Miller, who was born in Boone county, August 5, 1854; she is a daughter of Morgan M. Brenninger. She had been previously married and had one child, Gertrude Miller, who married Clinton DeBard, and they live in Lebanon. The following children have been born to our subject and his second wife: Carrie B., born December 31, 1879, married Judge W. H. Parr, of Lebanon, and they have three children; a sketch of Judge Parr and family appears elsewhere in this work. Samuel Z. Billingsly was born August 22, 1881, and he married Lenna Knox, a native of Boone county: they live on a farm in Jefferson township, and have two children, Rush and Mary. Amy, born March 1, 1883, married Carl Ferguson, a farmer of Jefferson township, and they have two children, Ray and Freda; Ada, born February 14, 1887, married D. Butler of Jamestown and they have one child, Pauline; Minnie, born January 20, 1889, married Roy Kibbey, a farmer of Hendricks county, and they have three children: Bessie, born September 20, 1891, married Ralph Painter and they live in Lebanon; Robert M., born January 5, 1894 is attending school at Valparaiso, Indiana; Nova, born February 18, 1896 is the youngest of the family, and is at home with her parents. There are eighteen grandchildren. The second wife of our subject was called to her rest February 26, 1896.

Mr. Billingsly belongs to the Christian church at Advance. Politically, he is a strong Democrat and is influential in party affairs. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic Order, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 664 at Advance. He is now practically retired from active life, his son taking charge of the farm about a year ago.

## BENJAMIN L. STOKER.

It is perhaps one of the ironies of fate that commissions, boards and special investigators—oftentimes more romantic than practical—sent out by the government, organizations or philanthropists, invariably conclude that the farmer is an incompetent. Then there are agricultural adventurers that frighten us with prophecies of hunger, mischievous statisticians that argue the decadence of agriculture, and the theorists with their cure-alls—all of them deplored the incapacity of the farmer. Such is not the case. The American farmer of today is the most capable workman in the history of the world's agriculture. The farms of the United States produce an annual farm value greater than any other agricultural country on the globe. The American farm is the largest, it is true, but the final test of a successful producer is net receipts per farmer, and that is in favor of the American plowman. One of the best examples of successful farming under advanced twentieth-century methods to be found in Boone county is the fine farm of Benjamin L. Stoker, of Center township.

Mr. Stoker was born January 22, 1853, in Hendricks county, Indiana. He is a son of Tyrie and Sinna (Leatherman) Stoker. The father was born in Kentucky, from which state he came to Boone county, Indiana, with his parents when eight years old, later removing to Hendricks county. Subsequently he removed to Missouri, where he lived with the family, but finally returned to Boone county, Indiana, he spent the rest of his life. He was a farmer all his active years. The mother of our subject was a native of Putnam county, Indiana. To these parents twelve children were born, seven of whom are still living, namely: John is the oldest; William, Mary and Sarah are all three deceased; James and Nancy are both living; Benjamin L., of this sketch; Cenith and Christana are both living; Fred and Nellie are both deceased; Narcissus is the youngest child.

Benjamin L. Stoker grew to manhood in Hendricks county and there received a common school education; also attended school in Perry township, Boone county. When he was twenty-two years of age he went west and joined the regular army, serving under Captain Shinnel in Company H, Sixth Infantry. He was stationed in the Dakotas and Minnesota and for a time was in Canada. He remained in the service five years, proving to be an

efficient and able soldier. After an honorable discharge he lived in Minnesota a few years, finally returning to Boone county, Indiana, where he has since resided. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, and is owner of one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Center township, which is all cleared, well tilled and under an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Stoker has a pleasant dwelling, which he himself built. Mr. Stoker is a natural mechanic and does his own carpentering and blacksmithing, and has his own blacksmith shop. He raises Shorthorn and Jersey cows. Duroc hogs and draft horses, and no small portion of his annual income is derived from his judicious handling of live stock.

Politically, Mr. Stoker is a Democrat, and fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Lebanon. His wife is a member of the Christian church.

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#### WILLIAM U. LANE.

Owing to the fact that the people of the country have been flocking in such great numbers to the cities during the past decade the time has come when our urban and rural population is nearly equal. Political economists, sociologists, politicians and others are becoming alarmed at this, contending, among other things, that there are too many people to eat and too few producing things to be eaten. They warn us that our rich, virgin soils are fast becoming things of the past, and we cannot abandon the depleted farms as we cast off a worn-out garment and seek a new one. We have to stay in the occupied territory. Our grazing lands and timbered lands have been subdivided; we no more have the free fields; our great West is occupied by settlers. Build up the neglected soil, they urge us, so that it will produce enough food for all the people. One of the citizens of Boone county who has been wise enough to remain on the farm and to so scientifically till his soil that it has been strengthened rather than depleted, is William U. Lane, of Jackson township.

Mr. Lane was born in Center township, Boone county, December 9, 1864. He is a son of Emsley J. and Isabell M. (McConaughy) Lane, the former a native of Putnam county, and the latter of Boone county. The paternal grandparents were Lewis and Emma (Jackson) Lane. Lewis Lane came to

Indiana from Knoxville, Tennessee, about 1830, marrying in Putnam county and settling on a farm three and one-half miles southwest of Lebanon, about 1840, establishing the future home of the family. The maternal grandparents, Harvey and Polly (Jamison) McConaughy, were among the first white settlers in Boone county, clearing and developing a farm here. In this locality the parents of our subject grew up and were educated in the early-day schools, and after their marriage they settled on a farm in Center township, Mr. Lane owning a farm here, but later, after the death of his father, the family removed to Jackson township. The death of Emsley Lane occurred in 1872. Her death occurred in Lebanon in 1901, at an advanced age. To these parents the following children were born: Dora A., now deceased, was the wife of Henry Yeley; Viola is the wife of Enoch Marks, of Indianapolis; Miranda A. is the wife of J. W. Jones, of Lebanon; Clara is the wife of Perry Canada, of Jackson township; Oliver M. lives in LaFayette, Indiana; William U., of this sketch; Alma J. is the wife of William Fall, of Washington township, this county.

William U. Lane grew up on the home farm and he received his education in the district schools, the Central Normal at Danville and the State Normal at Terre Haute. When fifteen years old he left home and worked by the month at farm work in his native county. When twenty years old he went to Cimarron, Gray county, Kansas, where he remained from 1885 to 1888. He homesteaded a government claim near Dodge City. Returning to Boone county, he taught school from the winter of 1888 continuously until 1911. He remained a close student and kept well abreast of the times of all that pertained to his vocation. In 1892 he was elected county surveyor, the duties of which office he filled with ability and satisfaction until 1905. In 1892 he purchased a farm in Harrison and later in Center township. He now owns ninety-two acres of fine land in Jackson township. He disposed of his other land in 1900. He has engaged in farming all the while, with the exception of two years when he was county surveyor. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, and he has an attractive home and good outbuildings.

Mr. Lane was married in September, 1892, to Myrtle Swindler, who was born in Jackson township, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Redinbaugh) Swindler, formerly of Montgomery county, Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lane the following children have been born: Harold, Hazel and Mary.

Politically, Mr. Lane has been a Republican, and, religiously, is an active member of the Christian church, in which he has been an elder since 1900.

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#### JACOB S. MILLER.

We are always glad to honor the old pioneers, and this is as it should be, for they are deserving of every consideration; they have done so much for us of this generation, that we cannot begin to repay them, even in gratitude; in fact, we often lose sight of the great sacrifices they made for us, their descendants, and of the hardships they endured that the bounds of civilization might be pushed farther westward and outward. They had a hard time, and no mistake, combating the root-interlaced soil, the quick-growing underbrush and weeds, combating the wild creatures of the wilderness and the air, that sought to destroy their crops, domestic animals and even themselves; combating the skulking, treacherous red man who claimed the domain on which the pale faces settled. It is doubtful if we of today, many of us at least, would be willing to brave the wilds as did our progenitors, and wrest from a resisting Nature and bloodthirsty race the fair realms now to be seen dotted with happy homes, thriving cities and school house belfries and church spires pointing skyward. One of the worthy citizens of Boone county who has come down to us from the early pioneer period in northern Indiana is Jacob S. Miller, who has passed his four score years, and is now living quietly in the village of Thorntown, in the December of his life, who is happy because he has been thrifty and has laid away a competency and also because he has lived honestly and therefore has no regrets for misdeeds.

Mr. Miller was born in Marion county, Indiana, March 11, 1833. He is a son of John D. and Ann (Barkley) Miller, both natives of Georgetown, Kentucky, where they grew up, were married and lived until 1830, when the father came to Marion county, Indiana, and entered wild timber land, eighty acres, and there they lived some time, beginning life there in a log cabin, later selling out and buying one hundred and twenty acres on the line between Marion and Hendricks county. There the elder Miller built a large log

house, which is still standing, for it has always been kept in good repair. John D. Miller was a man of courage and thrift and he became owner of four hundred acres of excellent land in one tract. His death occurred in 1857, at the age of fifty-six years. His widow survived forty-six years, dying in 1902, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Their son, Charles Fremont Miller, now lives on the old home place, owning two hundred and twenty acres of the same.

Jacob S. Miller has vivid recollections of his childhood days in the far-stretching woods of what is now one of the leading agricultural sections of the state. Often his mother would take him in her lap and make long trips on horseback. When he became of proper age he assisted his father in the general work of clearing and developing the homestead, and in the brief winter months he attended the early-day subscription schools. After his father's death he remained with his mother until his marriage. He was next to the oldest of nine children, and therefore much responsibility of caring for the family fell on his shoulders. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of partly-improved land, which he operated and on which he got a start in life. On August 31, 1862, he married Emma J. Armstrong, who was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Edward and Lydia (Mershon) Armstrong; the father was born in Ireland and the mother was a native of Erie county, Pennsylvania. The former emigrated to America when a young man, located in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and there married, and he and his wife spent the rest of their lives there. The wife of our subject came to Marion county, Indiana, in 1861, and after her marriage she and our subject continued to live on his farm there seven years, then removed to near Lincoln, Nebraska, where Mr. Miller purchased over one thousand acres of land, within three miles of the present home of William J. Bryan, secretary of the United States. There our subject farmed successfully for some time, then returned to Indiana and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Boone county, in 1881, where he remained until 1882, when he sold out and bought one hundred and fifty-four acres, which he operated with his usual success for thirteen years, being known as one of the most progressive and successful general farmers in the county. He then retired from active life, bought a well-located lot in Thorntown, on which he erected a commodious and comfortable residence and there he and his faithful life companion now reside in comfort and quiet.

Mr. Miller is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in July, 1863, in Company D, Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, but most of his service was as a guard at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He proved to be a faithful soldier and was honorably discharged at the close of the war.

The following children have been born to our subject and wife: Lydia H. is the wife of Charles Kendall, and they live in Greencastle, Indiana; Dora has remained single and lives with her parents; Edward died at the age of forty-one years; John lives in Washington township, Boone county; Robert is a professor in the University of New Brunswick, Canada.

Mrs. Emma J. Miller grew to womanhood in her native state and there received a good education and before her marriage taught school for some time both in Pennsylvania and in Indiana.

Mr. Miller is a Republican in politics and has long been more or less influential in public affairs. He served one term as commissioner of Boone county in a very acceptable manner, and has held several minor township offices. He has been all along an advocate of good roads and has done much to encourage the same. He is a member of the George R. Thomas Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Lebanon, and he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Thorntown, and no couple in this part of the county are held in higher esteem than they.

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#### JAMES H. KIBBEY.

There is no power more effective than the silent influence of a noble life. This truth is fully illustrated in the life of every good man, and in this sketch is presented a man well worthy of imitation by the young and rising generation. In these days of money making, when life is a constant struggle between right and wrong, it is a pleasure to lay before an intelligent reader the unsullied record of an honorable man. To the youthful it will be a useful lesson—an incentive to honest industry. A large class of the farmers of Boone county have led such modest and retiring lives as to be seldom heard of outside their own township. They have ever done fine work in their community, but most of them have not evinced a desire to mingle in the more

MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. KIBBEY





public matters of the county, devoting all their time and energies to the cultivation of their farms and the development of the resources of their vicinity. Such men deserve more mention than they ordinarily receive, and it is a pleasure to here present one of them in the person of James H. Kibbey, now living quietly in his cosy home in the town of Advance in his eighty-ninth year. He is one of the earliest pioneers in Jackson township, where he established his home in the wilds over sixty years ago, and remained on the same farm until his retirement from active life. During that prolonged period he took no inconspicuous part in the general development of his township, in which no man has been better or more favorably known.

Mr. Kibbey was born September 9, 1825, in Greenup county, Kentucky, and is the youngest of ten children, seven sons and three, daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, and after the father's death, which occurred when our subject was six years old, they all remained with their mother on the home farm. She was a woman of strong mind and high Christian sentiments and reared her children in the best manner possible. She reached the age of eighty years. These children are now all deceased except our subject, his last brother having died a quarter of a century ago. They all married and reared families of their own except one son who died when twenty-two years old. The death of the last brother occurred at the age of eighty-two years, the most advanced age any of the family attained except our subject.

When seventeen years old James H. Kibbey was selected to mark the line between Greenup and Carter counties, the latter having been newly formed, and he also carried the chain and ran the experimental line between Lawrence and Carter counties. When twenty-four years old he met Martha Ann Gill, of Bath county, Kentucky, and they were married December 4, 1849, and they have thus traversed together the rough path of life for a period of over sixty-five years, their long association being mutually helpful and happy, and although they are both far advanced in old age, they are yet active and in possession of their faculties to a remarkable degree. Mrs. Kibbey was eighty-five years old October 13, 1913. She was next to the youngest of eleven children. She has one brother, living in Illinois, who is two years her senior. Her father was a prominent citizen in the early days of the Blue Grass state at Gill Mills. He later sold his mills and land at that place and located in Fleming county, that state, and at one time he owned over five hundred acres of land there, and it was in Fleming county

that Mr. and Mrs. Kibbey were married. Mr. Kibbey sold the home farm in 1852, and he and one of his brothers purchased over five hundred acres of land, a sawmill and a carding factory on the Little Sandy river, and on October 20, 1853, our subject sold out to his brother and removed with his wife and three children to Indiana, crossing the Ohio river on horseback. He made part of the trip through Ohio in a wagon and part on a canal and after a tedious and somewhat dangerous trip of twelve days they reached Boone county, Indiana, where they visited for a time with J. Gill and other relatives of Mrs. Kibbey, and on November 20, 1853, just one month from the time they left Kentucky, they went to housekeeping in this county, buying a lease for two years of Elijah Jackson, in order to get a house to live in, the land being unimproved, in fact most of the county was practically a wilderness. He built a house the following spring but did not move into it, having purchased eighty acres, forty acres of which was cleared and on it stood a small house, and in this he lived until he could clear a portion of his two hundred and forty-three acres which was entered from the government, near Jamestown, and which he still owns, and thus only the one transfer has ever been made in the place. This land was secured from the government by Mrs. Kibbey's father, who gave it to her. He owned large tracts in Indiana and Illinois which he divided among his children. On this land our subject and wife set to work with a will, cleared and improved it until it was one of the most valuable and desirable farms in the county and here they resided until their retirement from active life. They experienced the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life, but they had kind neighbors and all enjoyed the log rollings, house raisings and other such events in those times. Much of the land was low and wet and had to be properly drained before it could be utilized. About 1856 a meeting was held at old Union church and there was formed the Eel River Association, articles drawn up and signed, directors elected and plans formulated for the purpose of constructing a large ditch to drain the vicinity effectively. Mr. Kibbey was one of the directors. It was a big undertaking for the pioneers, but was carried out successfully at an expense of twelve thousand dollars, the work requiring several years. An unfortunate contract with the builder of the ditch involved the directors heavily in debt, and added to this, reverses visited Mr. Kibbey in 1876, such as cholera killing a large number of his hogs, and he was forced to go into bankruptcy, and he gave up everything he had but two old horses and about

five acres of corn. His health also failed at this time and the future was very unpromising. He rented his land and went to Kansas, remaining there two years, during which he regained his health and returned to Boone county. He went to work with his usual industry and by close application and the exercise of sound judgment prospered and in due course of time paid all his indebtedness, and since then he has accumulated a comfortable competency and is one of the substantial men of his township. He retired from active work on his farm in 1894, purchased a home in the town of Lebanon and there he and his wife lived serenely for nine years. He built a fine residence on his farm about 1870. His fine farm contains two hundred and twenty-three acres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kibbey nine children were born, three of whom died in early life. The oldest daughter died in Grangeville, Idaho, in August, 1889; Ephraim, the oldest son, died in April, 1912; the other two sons and two daughters are Mrs. Mary G. Burk; William P. lives in Advance; Mrs. Chearereda H. Utterback; James G. lives near the old home. Jane, Ephraim's widow has a good farm and lives close to the old home. Our subject and wife have twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

In order to give his three oldest children better educational advantages, Mr. Kibbey moved to Lebanon in 1866, renting his farm for two years, then returned to the same. The eldest daughter who went to Grangeville, Idaho, to reside in 1878, visited her parents in 1888, and they returned to Grangeville with her for a short visit. They went from there to Portland, Oregon, to visit relatives and while in that state visited the Pacific ocean and in all two months in the West.

While living in Lebanon, Mrs. Kibbey received a fall from which she suffered a broken hip and for a time the doctors thought she would not recover but with proper care, she was spared but is still using one crutch. When Mrs. Kibbey was able to drive around, they moved to Advance in order to be nearer their children and are residing there at the present time. On the fourth of December, Mr. and Mrs. Kibbey were married sixty-five years.

Politically, Mr. Kibbey was originally a Whig until 1853, and he voted for Gen. Zachariah Taylor for President. He has voted the Democratic ticket the latter part of his life. He served as trustee of Jackson township three terms, and was justice of the peace four years, discharging his duties

in each capacity very acceptably. He and his wife have been active members of the Christian church at old Union in Jackson township for many years. He has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the past fifty-two years, and is one of the oldest members of this order in the state, also is a member of the Encampment. He holds his membership in the Luther Lodge, No. 227 at Jamestown, of the former, and is a member of Rebekah Lodge, No. 277 at Jamestown. His wife also joined this order in 1866, they being charter members of the same which, so far as known is the oldest lodge of this order in the state. It was in 1861 that Mr. Kibbey joined the Odd Fellows, and he and Corbin are the only two living members of the camp organization. Mr. Kibbey's eyesight returned after wearing glasses for half a century and he now has excellent sight and reads without glasses. The many friends of this grand old couple appreciate their honorable, hospitable and useful lives and wish them many days yet of serene and happy hours before they are summoned to their rewards in the great Beyond.

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#### JOHN W. MORRISON.

It is always pleasant and profitable to contemplate the career of a man who has won a definite goal in life, whose career has been such as to command the honor and respect of his fellow citizens. Such, in brief, is the record of the well-known agriculturist whose name heads this sketch, than whom a more whole-souled and popular man it would be difficult to find within the limits of Sugar Creek township, Boone county, where he has always maintained his home and where he has labored not only for his own individual advancement and that of his immediate family, but also for the improvement of the entire community whose interests he has ever had at heart and which he is now ably serving as township trustee. Mr. Morrison comes of an old pioneer family, members of which have done their full share in the advancement of this locality and have been well known here for over a half century.

John W. Morrison was born in the above-named township and county January 11, 1860. He is a son of Robert and Priscilla (Loveless) Morrison, the father a native of Sugar Creek township, this county, and the mother

was born in Ohio, from which state also came the paternal grandparents, John and Ann Morrison, both being natives of the Buckeye state, where they grew up and were married, coming to Indiana among the early settlers. The maternal grandparents, William and Elizabeth (Wadkins) Loveless, were also natives of Ohio and spent their earlier years there, removing to Sugar Creek township, this county, in a very early day, and here the parents of our subject grew to maturity, were educated in the old-time subscription schools and were married, beginning housekeeping on a farm in Sugar Creek township. The father was born in 1834 and his death occurred in 1891. He was a successful farmer, owning at one time a fine farm of three hundred acres. Since his death his widow has lived among her children. She was born in 1823, and is therefore now ninety-one years of age. To Robert Morrison and wife three children were born, namely: John W., of this review; Everett, who lives in Perry township, this county; and Mary, who marrfied Grant Riley, died in 1911.

John W. Morrison was reared on the home farm, where he worked when a boy and he received his education in the district schools. He remained with his parents on the homestead, in Sugar Creek township, until his marriage, September 17, 1880, to Belle Larsh, who was born in this township and county, and here grew to womanhood and was educated. She is a daughter of William and Emeline (Greene) Larsh, he a native of Ohio and she of Sugar Creek township, this county. The grandfather, Tolover Larsh, was born in Ohio, as was also Grandfather David Greene, and they were both early settlers in this section of Indiana.

After his marriage, John W. Morrison moved to a farm which he purchased in Sugar Creek township, and on this place carried on general farming and stock raising in a successful manner for a period of twenty-six years, then sold out and purchased the eighty-acre homestead of his wife's parents, where he was equally successful as a general farmer and stock raiser until 1909, when he rented the place and has since given his attention to the duties of his official position, that of township trustee, to which he was elected in the autumn of 1908, and has served continuously ever since, making a record that is highly commendable in every respect. He is a Republican in politics and has been faithful in his support of the party. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic Order, No. 113, at Thorntown, also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 489, at Colfax; and the Knights of the Maccabees at Col-

fax. He was for many years identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, but in 1909 he joined the Society of Friends.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morrison the following children were born: Emeline, who died when twelve years old; Carl died in infancy; Kenneth died when thirteen years old.

Mr. Morrison has been very successful in his life work and is regarded as one of the influential men of his township.

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#### CHARLES F. WELCH.

It is the dictate of our natures, no less than of enlightened social policy, to honor those whose lives have contributed in any way to the good of their community and their associates; to bedew with affectionate tears the silent urn of departed worth and value; to unburden the fullness of the surcharged heart eulogium upon deceased benefactors, and to rehearse their noble deeds for the benefit of those who may come after us. It has been the commendable custom of all ages and all nations. Hence the following feeble tribute to one of our best citizens. In contemplating the many estimable qualities of the late Charles F. Welch, of Thorntown, Boone county, integrity and industry appear as prominent characteristics—an integrity that no personal or other consideration could swerve, and an industry that knew no rest while anything remained undone. He was one of those men who, when a given task was accomplished, would throw off all care, retire to his home and devote himself to domestic and social enjoyments, for which he had a great relish. His temper was calm and equitable, and his manners were emphatically those of the gentleman,—plain, simple, unselfish,—despising sham and pretense of all kinds. His devotion to every duty was intense, while his perception of truth and worth was almost intuitive. In his estimate of these he was seldom mistaken, and while his opinions were strong, he was always open to conviction, and when satisfied that they were erroneous his concessions were graceful and unqualified. Mr. Welch, in short, was a man whom to know was to respect and admire, and when he was summoned to the Silent Land, his loss was keenly felt by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Charles F. Welch was born in Washington township, Boone county,

Indiana, October 18, 1842. He was a son of John and Nancy (Craig) Welch, the father a native of Boone county and the mother of Adams county, Ohio. He died in this county, his widow removing to Missouri where her death occurred.

Charles F. Welch was ten years old when his father died, and he went to live with his mother's people and there remained, assisting with the general work about the place and attending the district schools during the winter, until the breaking out of the Civil war when he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in the famous Wilder's Brigade in which he served most faithfully for three years, taking part in many important campaigns and hard-fought battles and skirmishes. He was a brave and capable soldier in every respect. After he was honorably discharged from the army he returned to Boone county and worked at general farming until his marriage in Ohio in September, 1873, to Charlotte Houston, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, and who is a daughter of Matthew and Rebecca (Sharks) Houston, a highly respected family. Mrs. Welch grew to womanhood in her native state and there received a good common school education. Soon after their marriage our subject and wife came to Washington township, Boone county, and located on a farm where Mr. Welch prospered as a general farmer and stock raiser. Later selling his large farm there he bought a farm of one hundred acres just west of Thorntown and on this he lived a few years, then sold out and bought eighty acres just south of Thorntown, continuing general agricultural pursuits, specializing in raising fine live stock, until his death, which occurred July 28, 1909, since which time Mrs. Welch has made her home in Thorntown, having purchased a beautiful and modernly appointed residence here, and she is living alone. She retains her fine farm, which she keeps rented. She is a woman of many commendable traits of character and is a favorite with a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Welch was a Republican in politics and served as trustee of Washington township for a period of five years, and as township assessor for seven years, discharging his official duties in an able and faithful manner. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic Order at Thorntown, and in his earlier life was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, of which his widow is a member.

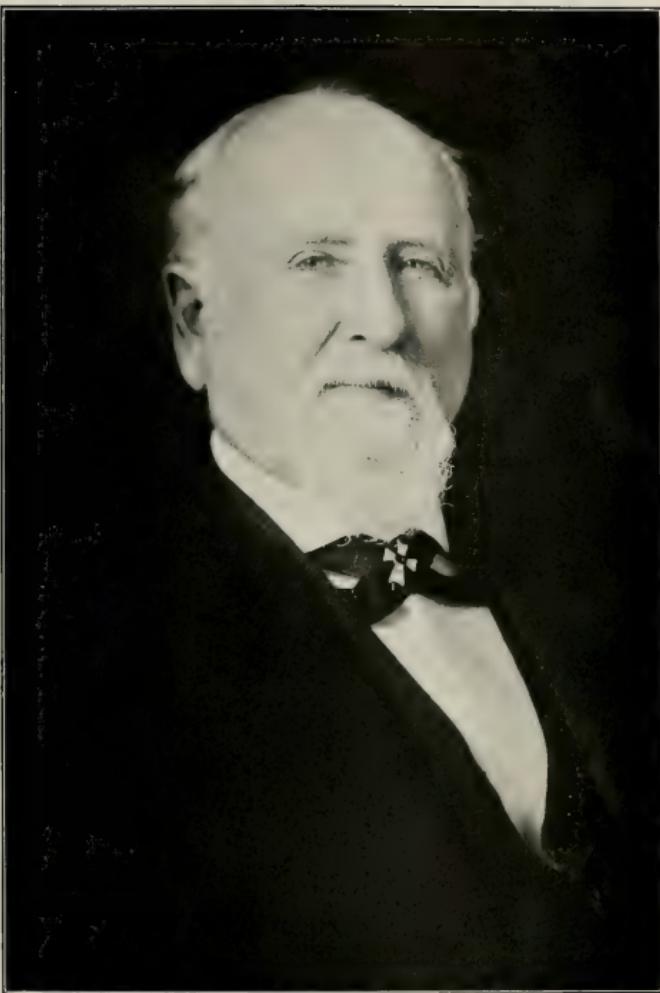
## LEANDER MEAD CRIST.

Leander Mead Crist, the eighth child and fourth son of James Weller and Mary (LaFuze) Crist, was born at Liberty, Indiana, October 23, 1837. The maternal grandparents were Samuel LaFuze and Eleanor Harper. Samuel LaFuze was born in western Pennsylvania, September 12, 1776. His father was killed at the close of 1775 at the beginning of the Revolutionary war. Eleanor Harper was born in eastern Pennsylvania, September 5, 1777. Her father was also killed in the Revolutionary war. On the paternal line there was the blood of the Teuton, Irish and Scotch Dissenter, while on the maternal it was French and Irish.

The grandfather, George Weller Crist, was born in New Jersey, September 20, 1770. In 1795, in his early manhood he came to Ohio and settled on the Miami river above Cincinnati. Here it was that he wooed and won a fair maiden by the name of Sarah Bell, who was born in Ireland and in her ninth year crossed the sea with her parents and settled in Ohio. At the very dawn of the century they were married and came to Indiana in 1812, entering and settling on land now in the corporation of Liberty, Indiana. March 16, 1844, George Weller Crist died and his wife, Sarah Bell, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Henry, at Laurel, Indiana, in 1864. The maternal grandparent, Eleanor (Harper) LaFuze, died February 17, 1852. Samuel LaFuze died January 11, 1863. The mother of Eleanor Harper was born in 1743, and after the death of Mr. Harper was married to Mr. Davis and died at Liberty, Indiana, 1824.

The ancestors on both paternal and maternal sides as far back as the records can be traced were Protestants. They were of true pioneer spirit, energetic, industrious and frugal.

The father of the subject of this sketch, James Weller Crist, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, July 4, 1803, came with his parents to Indiana, in 1812, settling in what is now Union county; married March 2, 1823, to Mary LaFuze, who immediately settled in the forest. They were blest with eleven children, ten of whom were reared to manhood and womanhood. The father passed away September 14, 1859. The mother, Mary LaFuze, was born near Brownsville, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1805, and died at the home of her son, Leander M. Crist, November 6, 1890. These parents early



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connected themselves with the Methodist Episcopal church and their home was a pioneer church for years and the home of the circuit rider. They were also charter members of the first temperance society organized in Union county and banished the cards, cuspidor and the demijohn from the home as early as the spring of 1833. They gave to their children the best church and educational advantages that the country afforded at that early date.

Leander M. Crist assisted his father on the farm and in the mills until manhood. In the fall of 1863, he entered Asbury University (now DePauw), where he remained four years, graduating with a class of twenty-four in 1867. He then went to Lancaster, Kentucky, and taught in the male academy for three years, at the same time studying law. In 1870 he returned to his old home at Liberty, Indiana, and began the practice of law. His marriage took place at Liberty, October 23, 1871, to Miss Eunice M. Brown, daughter of Walter and Keziah (LaBoyteau) Brown. She was a graduate of Oxford (Ohio) College, in the class of 1867. December 2, 1872, a son was born to this union and christened Mark Brown Crist, but the joy and high hopes that came by this new tie of love, was soon shrouded in deepest gloom by the death of the young mother, February 25, 1873, in the twenty-third year of her age.

In 1875, Mr. Crist was selected as county superintendent of the public schools of Union county, Indiana, which position he held by re-election until June, 1881. June 12, 1880, Mr. Crist was married to Miss Orpha A. Gath, of Oxford, Ohio, who graduated at the Oxford (Ohio) College, in the class of 1866. She is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Tetley) Gath, who came from Halifax, England, to this country in 1840. She was born at Oxford, Ohio, May 21, 1845. After her graduation, she entered the school work, teaching in the public schools for twelve years, and two years in the Miami Classical School at Oxford, Ohio, at the time when the coeducation was introduced into that institution.

In 1881, Mr. and Mrs. Crist moved to Thorntown, Boone county, Indiana, and for three years successfully conducted together the public schools in that place. In the summer of 1884, came the call for a political organization against licensed rum. Mr. and Mrs. Crist both being born with an antipathy against the drink curse, could not resist the call. On July 23,

1884, Mr. Crist went to Indianapolis to participate in the first State Prohibition Convention. He was one of five to join in a call for the first prohibition convention in Boone county, September 8, 1884. This action made it necessary for both to retire from public school work and from all official recognition in the church; to face the opposition, innuendoes and contumely usually bestowed upon those who step out into any new line of action. He became an ardent supporter of the Prohibition cause. In 1886 he was candidate for Representative of Boone county; in 1888 delegate to the National Convention at Indianapolis;; in 1890, candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction; in 1892, delegate to the National Convention at Cincinnati, Ohio; in 1894, candidate for Congress in the Ninth Indiana District; in 1895, accompanied his wife, who was a delegate to the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention in London, England; in 1896, delegate to the National Convention at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and candidate for Governor of Indiana, on the Prohibition ticket; in 1897-1898, chairman of the Prohibition State Committee of Indiana; in 1900, delegate to the National Convention at Indianapolis. During the years 1891-1897, inclusive, there was held in Mr. Crist's grove a Gospel Prohibition service every Sabbath afternoon for four months each year to advance this great cause. In 1899-1901, inclusive, the work was continued by the publication of the *Twentieth Century*, an eight page monthly. For the past seven years Mr. Crist has been publisher of the Thorntown *Argus-Enterprise*, a weekly local paper.

In addition to this work along reform lines, Mr. Crist served as director in the First National Bank at Liberty, Indiana; secretary of a turnpike company; secretary of the Masonic Order for a long period of years; president of the County Sunday School Association, both in Union and Boone counties. He became director of the First National Bank in Thorntown and aided in the organization of the Home National Bank of Thorntown and served as president for six years. This is a mere outline of some of the duties and responsibilities of a long active life and still more to follow.

Mark B. Crist, the son and only child of the subject of this sketch, was tutored at home until he was prepared to enter the freshman work at Purdue University, which course he finished in 1896. He then went to New York, where he for five years was engaged in practical lines along electrical and

mechanical engineering. During this time he was married to Miss Anna Field of Dayton, Ohio. To this union five children were born, Eunice, March 25, 1901, in New York City; Floyd Field, born in Cleveland, May 5, 1902; Mary Eleanor, July 24, 1904; Ida, January 9, 1901; Orpha Lee, August 17, 1912; all born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

L. M. Crist, though living on borrowed time, is still hale and hardy and ready for more battles along moral lines. His theme of life has been total abstinence from all things harmful and temperate in all things that are good and useful.

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#### MADISON HALL ROSE, M. D.

The man who devotes his talents and energies to the noble work of administering to the ills and alleviating the sufferings of humanity pursues a calling which, in dignity, importance and beneficial results, is second to no other. If true to his profession and earnest in his efforts to enlarge his sphere of usefulness, he is indeed a benefactor of his kind, for to him more than any other man are entrusted the safety, the comfort and in many instances the lives of those who place themselves under his care and profit by his services. Of this class of professional men was the late Dr. Madison Hall Rose, for thirty-six years one of the leading general physicians of Boone county, a man who had few peers and no superiors among his professional brethren in this section of Indiana, during which period he not only gained wide notoriety in his chosen calling but established a sound reputation for uprightness and noble character in all the relations of life. He realized that to those who attain success in the medical profession there must be not only given technical ability, but also a broad human sympathy which must pass from mere sentiment to be an actuating motive for helpfulness. So he dignified and honored the profession by his able and self-abnegating services, in which, through long years of close application, he attained notable distinction and unqualified success. His long and useful life as one of the world's workers was one of devotion, almost consecration, to his vocation, and well does he merit a place of honor in every history touching upon the lives and deeds of those who have given the best of their powers and talent for aiding in the betterment of their kind. He was, in the most significant sense, humanity's

friend, and to those familiar with his life must come a feeling of reverence in contemplating his services and their beneficial results.

Dr. Rose was born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, December 2, 1832. He was a son of Charles R. and Barthena (Perkins) Rose. The father was born in Mercer county, that state, and was a son of Lewis and Mary Rose, also natives of the Blue Grass state. Lewis Rose was taken captive by the Indians and none but his wife thought he would ever return. He used a conch shell for a signal call. He was made a slave by the red men and was securely tied at night, but he made good his escape once when the Indians were intoxicated, and rejoined his family. The Roses were among the earliest settlers of Kentucky. Lewis Rose was a man of courage and very strong convictions. He owned slaves, but was finally convinced that slavery was not right, so he set his bondsmen free. He also destroyed his barrel of whisky and became a strong advocate of temperance. The family of Barthena Perkins died when she was very young. They, too, were early settlers of the "dark and bloody ground" country.

Dr. Madison H. Rose was reared on the home farm in his native state and received his early education in the parochial school there under Rev. R. Conover, who instructed him in Latin, Greek and the classics. He later spent two years in the academy at Waveland, Indiana and one year in the junior classics at South Hanover, then began the study of medicine. He taught school to defray his expenses and borrowed books, first from Dr. H. Labaree at Ladoga. He attended his first course of lectures at the Ann Arbor School of Medicine during the winter of 1859-60, and was graduated in medicine from a school in Buffalo, New York, in the spring of 1861. In March of that year he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served his full time in the Union army and re-enlisted February 2, 1862. May 15th of that year he was commissioned assistant surgeon of his regiment, and on the same date a year later he was made surgeon. He performed his duties very ably and faithfully, and in April, 1865, took a contract as acting staff surgeon, with the same pay as regimental surgeon, and thus continued in that capacity until the grand review in Washington City at the close of the war. He then returned to Danville, Indiana, and engaged in practice until the following autumn, 1865, when he went to New York City and took a course in the famous Bellevue Medical Hospital, receiving a degree in the spring of 1866. Returning to Danville he continued

practice there until 1869 when he came to Thorntown, Boone county and remained the rest of his life. He formed a partnership with Dr. J. M. Boyd, which continued six years, then was with Dr. Mendenhall eighteen months, then was in partnership with Dr. Dunnington four years, after which he practiced alone. He enjoyed a wide and lucrative patronage, his name being a household word throughout the county for over a quarter of a century and he was uniformly successful. He was always a profound student, notwithstanding the fact that he was a very busy man, and he thus kept fully abreast of the times.

The death of Dr. Rose occurred December 16, 1904, after a long, useful and successful career.

Dr. Rose was twice married, first, in October, 1865, at St. Cloud, Minnesota, to Mary Strong, who was born in Logansport, Indiana. Her death occurred in the spring of 1866. On December 17, 1868, the Doctor married Jane V. Hilts, who was born near Springdale, Ohio, April 25, 1846. She is a daughter of William D. and Hannah V. (Ross) Hilts. The father born February 9, 1806, in Schoharie county, New York. The mother was born March 11, 1809, at Bound Brook, New Jersey. Mrs. Rose's paternal grandparents were Anthony and Jane (Durland) Hilts, he being born in 1791. The maternal grandparents were Joseph and Jane (Harris) Ross, he born December 15, 1765, and she February 25, 1787. They were married June 4, 1804. Betsey Ross, who made the first American flag, was a distant relative of this family. Joseph Ross lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, when about the only building was a log fort, used to protect the few settlers from the Indians who were numerous in that locality. During the war of 1812 Anthony Hilts was notified by the authorities that he would be expected to start the following morning for the front. He spent the night making shoes from the hides of animals, also in making a vest of red broad cloth and in molding bullets from an old Britannia tea pot. However, he did not have to go after all.

The following children were born to Dr. Rose and his second wife: Edward P., born November 28, 1869, lives in Thorntown and superintends his mother's farm; Lawrence S., born May 13, 1872, died December 25, 1901, was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, serving in Porto Rico, where he contracted a fever which ultimately resulted in his death; Dwight H., born March 6, 1874, died October 24, 1898; Eugenia V., born October 12, 1875, died March 26, 1903; Idelette E., born August 11, 1877, died April

27, 1882; Charles William, born August 19, 1884, died May 6, 1909. Edward P. Rose, mentioned above, married Blanche M. Estes, September 17, 1908, and they have one son, Will Eugene Rose, born September 23, 1909. Since his marriage his mother, widow of our subject, has lived alone. She owns a pleasant and neatly furnished home and two hundred acres of well-improved and valuable land, constituting one of the most desirable farms in Washington township, all under a high state of cultivation with the exception of thirty-five acres of timber. Mrs. Rose is a lady of pleasing personality, cultured, genial, affable and her cozy home is the mecca for her many friends. Her parents moved to Bloomington, Illinois, about 1856, where she was educated in the Bloomington Female Seminary, and it was in that city that she was married.

Politically, Dr. Rose was an ardent Republican and was influential in local political affairs, although never cared for office in view of his extensive practice taking all his time. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian church. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Thorntown. Personally, he was a genteel gentleman, companionable, charitable, broad-minded and a pleasant man to know, meriting in every respect the high esteem that was universally accorded him by all classes.

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#### LEWIS C. RILEY.

The history of Boone county, Indiana, is not a very old one as compared with other parts of the world. It is the record of the steady growth of a community planted in the wilderness two-thirds of a century ago and has reached its magnitude of today without other aids than those of industry. The people who redeemed it from the primitive wilds were strong-armed, hardy sons of the soil who hesitated at no difficulty and for whom hardships had little to appal. The early pioneers, having blazed the path of civilization to this part of the state, finished their labors, and many of them have passed from the scene, leaving the county to the possession of their descendants and to others who came at a later period and built on the foundation which they laid so broad and deep. The Riley family is of this type and its members

have played no inconspicuous part in the upbuilding of a portion of this county, a very creditable representative of the present generation being Lewis C. Riley, who was born and reared here and who has spent much of his life in this locality, having done what he could to develop and advertise to the world its wonderful resources. He is one of the most widely-known mill men in this part of Indiana, for many years operating sawmills at various places, but now is engaged in the planing mill and lumber business in Thorntown.

Mr. Riley was born in Marion township, this county, in September, 1844. He is a son of James and Matilda (Garrett) Riley, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Putnam county, Indiana. The death of the father occurred in Kentucky. The maternal grandparents, Reason and Margaret Garrett, were both natives of Kentucky. The parents of our subject were married in Putnam county, Indiana, and they came to Boone county about 1838 among the early settlers, and located on a farm in Marion township. There the elder Riley developed a good farm and lived on it for a period of twenty years, later moving to Washington township, this county, where his death occurred, after which his widow moved to Thorntown, where she lived until her death. They were the parents of the following children: Caroline, now deceased, was the wife of Josiah Harrison; Lewis C., of this sketch; Mary Ann, now deceased, was the wife of John R. Hardesty; Jasper J. is deceased; Lucy C., who was the wife of William A. Buntin, is deceased.

Lewis C. Riley was educated in the district schools, and he lived at home until his marriage, April 4, 1867, to Martha E. Reagan, who was born in Clinton county, Indiana, and is a daughter of Baxley and Sarah A. (Hodgen) Baxley, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Clinton county, Indiana. Her parents were from Kentucky. After his marriage our subject began housekeeping on a farm in Washington township on rented land, and after living there one season moved to Mechanicsburg and started a general merchandise business which he continued for nearly five years, then sold out and returned to Washington township and lived on a farm one year there, then moved to another farm in the same township, then began working at the sawmill business which he continued two and one-half years there, then moved his mill to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he remained two years, later moved to Danville, that state and operated a sawmill four years, then came to Clinton township, Boone county, Indiana, on a farm, purchasing

a farm of improved land, consisting of one hundred and eight acres, which he operated for two years, then rented it and moved to Thorntown, bought a sawmill which he conducted four years, sold out and in 1892 bought into a planing mill here and this he has continued to the present time, adding to and enlarging the plant until he has one of the largest and best equipped mills of its kind in this part of the state, and is doing a large and constantly growing business. He also conducts an extensive lumber business in connection with the mill. He has been very successful in all his varied business ventures and is now one of the strong men, financially, in the township. He has a commodious and well-furnished home in Thorntown.

To Mr. and Mrs. Riley the following children were born: Perry is operating a lumber-yard for his father at Whitestown; Nathan is manager of his father's mill and lumber business in Thorntown. They are both young men of much business ability and are making good.

Politically, Mr. Riley is a Republican. He has served three terms on the town board. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masons and the Knights of Pythias of Thorntown. He is an active member of the Christian church and has been a member of the official board since 1906.

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#### GEORGE HUNT HARTING.

To a great extent the prosperity of the agricultural sections of our great country is due to the honest industry, the sturdy perseverance and the wise economy which so prominently characterizes the foreign element, both those who have come direct from the European nations and their American-born children. All will agree, after so much as a cursory glance over our forty-eight states, that they have entered very largely into our population. By comparison with their "old countries" these people have readily recognized the fact that in the United States lie the greatest opportunities for people of ambition and energy. And because of this many have broken the ties of home and native land and have entered earnestly upon the task of gaining in the new world a home and a competence, principally by tilling the soil. Among this class may be mentioned the Harting family, well-known and progressive agriculturists of Jackson township, Boone county, of whom George H. is a worthy representative; but he, being of the first generation in

America, had the good fortune of being born here, thus avoiding many of the trials of his father, who landed on our shores, "a youth to fortune and to fame unknown," and had to master our language, get acquainted with strange customs, and be assimilated, as it were, into our civilization.

George Hunt Harting was born on November 16, 1853, near Liberty, Indiana. He is a son of Hiram B. and Willie Jane (Small) Harting. Hiram B. Harting was born in Germany on September 3, 1830, and he emigrated to the United States when sixteen years of age, unaccompanied. Penetrating into the interior he located in Union county, Indiana, where he went to work on the farm of George Hunt, an early pioneer of that section, and remained with him until he was twenty-one years of age, Mr. Hunt being very kind to him, and he named our subject after his employer. Mr. Harting was married there, January 2, 1853, and he came with his wife to Boone county in 1855, locating in Jackson township, buying eighty acres in section 3, which was timbered land and on which stood a log cabin and log barn, and here the young couple began housekeeping. They were hardy, courageous, laughed at the hardships and inconveniences, and, with characteristic German thrift, succeeded in due course of time in clearing and developing a fine farm and establishing a comfortable home. As he prospered through good management and close application he added to his original purchase until he owned two hundred acres, building the substantial residence during the Civil war, which home is now occupied by his son, George H., who is the oldest of five children, the others being, Margaret, born November 22, 1855, married Louis W. Hosteter, now residing near Indianapolis, and they have three children; Martha Jane, born October 23, 1857, married Allen J. Hightshue, and died leaving three children; Isham B., born September 4, 1860, is farming in Jackson township; Sherman B., born July 9, 1864, married Josephine Warner, a native of Madison county, and he is now engaged in the grain business near Elwood.

The paternal grandparents came to the United States from Germany, when advanced in years, and located in Indiana, and lived with their children in Wayne county, near Richmond, the rest of their lives, the grandfather dying in 1875, the grandmother having preceded him to the grave in 1857.

George H. Harting grew to manhood on the home farm, and he received his education in the district schools, assisting his father on the farm, until he was twenty-five years of age. April 17, 1879, he married Ida B. Endicott, of Boone county, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Williamson) Endicott,

who came to Indiana in an early day, and were married in Boone county, July 26, 1858. Mr. Endicott was born December 10, 1816, and his wife was born October 22, 1823. The Endicott family located near the city of Kokomo in a very early day, and the Williamson family were very early settlers of Boone county. Mrs. Harting was born January 19, 1862, in Howard county, Indiana, and she received a common school education.

To our subject and wife nine children have been born, named as follows: Emma Blanche, born December 28, 1880, died November 12, 1888; Anna Bernice, born October 3, 1882, married Granville Wells, assistant cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Jamestown, and they have one child, Herman; Willie Bennett, born April 7, 1884, married India Shockley, a native of Missouri; they live in Boone county, and have three children: Harry Blaine, born May 31, 1886, married Katie Skaggs, a native of Indiana; he is a hardware merchant at Mechanicsburg, and they have two children: Rosa Beatrice, born August 15, 1885, married Austin Headey; they live in Boone county and have two children; Clayton Bernard, born June 9, 1890, married Iva Thompson, a native of Boone county; Jennie Bernette, married Reid Budd, a native of Boone county; they live on the farm with our subject, and have one child, Malcolm; Earl Byron, born January 17, 1894, lives at home; Aletha Belle, born February 2, 1896, married Foster Steward, a clerk in Indianapolis.

At the time of Hiram B. Harting's death, about 1897, his son, George H. purchased the interests of the other heirs and came into possession of the old Harting homestead, which he now owns, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. He has added forty acres more and now has a fine farm of two hundred acres. Previous to this purchase he had bought seventy acres near Lebanon at the time of his marriage. He lived there one year, then sold out and rented a year, then bought one hundred and twenty acres south of Advance, where he lived until he acquired the old homestead. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, keeping his land well cultivated and well improved. The major portion of his bounteous crops are fed annually to large numbers of cattle and hogs.

Politically, Mr. Harting was formerly a Republican, but is now a Progressive, and is active in public affairs. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment at Jamestown. He has filled all the chairs in both lodges.

## CHARLES C. HOWARD.

Nothing is more important to a nation than to have its people well fed, and especially is this true in a nation like ours, which must depend on the wisdom, patriotism and good judgment of its people for the administration of its government and its perpetuity. We, of the cities, should be most intensely interested in the best methods of production, because these things determine the volume of food which we will have to eat and eating ever remains the primal necessity of man, with the field as the great source of supply. The brown stone palaces, the sky scrapers, the gilded streets of our cities cannot feed the mass of humanity struggling within their confines. These must look back to the land for sustenance. Those who eat should be more deeply concerned about better methods of farming than those who produce crops merely for the money that comes from their sale. One of the farmers of Boone county who seems to have a proper appreciation of present-day problems as relating to agriculture is Charles C. Howard, of Marion township.

Mr. Howard was born in the above-named township and county August 3, 1873. He is a son of R. W. and Frances H. (Lane) Howard, a highly respected old family of this locality.

Charles C. Howard grew to manhood on the home farm and there he resided, working during the summer months and attending the common schools during the winter until he was nineteen years old, then went to Terre Haute, Indiana, and attended the State Normal for four summers, teaching the meanwhile during the winter months. He followed teaching ten years successively and was regarded as a progressive and able instructor. His career was interrupted at this time by a serious illness, which left him crippled in his right leg. Since then he has never resumed teaching, turning his attention to general agricultural pursuits; in fact, he has been in partnership with his father since he was twenty-one years old, sharing equally in farming and stock raising, devoting much attention to raising a good grade of horses, cattle, mules and Poland-China hogs. He also owns ten acres of his own.

Mr. Howard was married April 22, 1896, to Effie Crane, who was born in Boone county and here grew to womanhood and was educated. She is a daughter of Thomas and America (Howard) Crane, the father a native of

Brown county, Ohio, and the mother of Boone county, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Stephen and Mary F. Crane, natives of Ohio, from which state they came to Boone county in an early day. The maternal grandparents were John and Lydia (Cox) Howard, natives of Kentucky, from which state they also came to Boone county in pioneer times, locating near what is now the town of Fayette, where they entered land from the government.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard one son has been born, Julian N. Howard, who is at home with his parents.

Politically, Mr. Howard is a Republican. He was elected township trustee in 1908, his term of office expiring December 31, 1914. He is discharging the duties of this office in an able and acceptable manner. Fraternally, he belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, No. 386, Elizaville, Onequa, Pocahontas, No. 304, of which Mrs. Howard is also a member. They are also both members of the Christian church.

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#### MARTIN L. CLOUSER.

Conspicuous among the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of Boone county is the well-known gentleman whose name forms the caption of this article. Mr. Clouser has made his influence felt for good in his community, being a man of sterling worth, whose later life has been closely interwoven with the affairs of Thorntown and whose efforts have long been for the material advancement of the same, as well as for the social and moral welfare of his fellow-men, and the well-regulated life he has led, thereby gaining the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens, entitle him to representation in a biographical work of the scope intended in the present volume.

Martin L. Clouser, who has for the past decade been the moving spirit in the Thorntown Co-operative Telephone Company, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, May 28, 1869. He is a son of Alfred F. and Maria (Huber) Clouser, both natives of Ohio, the latter of Circleville, Pickaway county. The paternal grandparents, John and Margaret Clouser, were natives of Pennsylvania, and in that state also were born Elijah and Catherine Huber, the maternal grandparents. They were all early settlers in Montgomery

county, Indiana. The paternal grandfather built the Clouser mill on Sugar Creek which the family continued to operate until 1875, then leased the mill, which was still run until the roller process of milling forced it and other mills of its type to close down. Alfred F. Clouser, father of our subject, first married Malinda Cory, by whom he had two sons, Simon, who lives in Montgomery county, and George, who died when sixteen years of age. After Alfred F. Clouser married Maria Huber he located on a farm in Montgomery county, where he spent the rest of his life successfully engaged in general agriculture pursuits, dying in the fall of 1907 at an advanced age, having always enjoyed the respect and good will of his neighbors and acquaintances. His widow still lives in Montgomery county. To these parents the following children were born: Martin L., of this review; Charles W., who lives in Montgomery county; Boyd O., of Crawfordsville; Elijah and Daniel, both of Montgomery county; and Catherine, who is the wife of Charles Calahan of Crawfordsville.

Martin L. Clouser received his education in the district schools, later attended the State Normal at Danville for four years, then spent two years in the University of Valparaiso. He remained with his parents until his marriage on April 25, 1892, to Viola Moore, who was born in Clinton county, Indiana, and a daughter of Rev. James and Harriet (Smith) Moore, a highly respected family of that locality. After his marriage our subject located on a farm in Montgomery county and followed general agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1902, having forged to the front rank of his fellow tillers of the soil through his close application and good management. Upon leaving the farm he removed to Thorntown, Boone county, and became manager of the Thorntown Co-operative Telephone Company, which responsible position he has held continuously to the present time and has been responsible for its rapid growth and ever-increasing importance. This company was organized in the fall of 1900 with H. W. Huber, president; S. V. Titus, vice-president; L. D. Woodcock, secretary. At this writing S. V. Titus is president; Dr. E. L. Brown, vice-president; L. W. Beesley is secretary and treasurer; J. E. Boyer, superintendent; Martin L. Clouser, assistant secretary and manager. The company started with twenty-six telephones, on borrowed capital, and it had a competitor. At this writing it has over six hundred telephones, is free of all encumbrances, has bought out its competitor, and it is now worth twenty thousand dollars. The company has

eighteen regular trunk lines from its office to surrounding towns, besides the main toll line to Indianapolis. Everything is modern and first-class: There are seven regular employees and there is an average of three thousand calls answered daily by its operators. Besides looking after the general management of the plant Mr. Clouser also does the bookkeeping. He employs one man as wire chief. The company covers a territory of about twelve miles in extent and is well developed. Our subject is one of about three hundred stockholders.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clouser: Pauline, Mary, Gertrude, Margaret, Catherine, James, Maria and Martha, all at home.

Politically, Mr. Clouser is a Democrat but is not active in political affairs. He is a member of the Catholic church in Lebanon. He is an alert, broad-minded, educated, companionable and courteous gentleman and is popular with the people.

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#### WILLIAM L. HILL.

Never before has there been so much interest taken in the best methods of farming and in the conditions of rural homes. The struggle to bring country life from the present to ideal conditions is not an easy one, nor will it be speedily accomplished. Yet there are now farms and rural homes which may be taken as models worth imitating, such as that of William L. Hill, near Thorntown, Boone county, where he maintains a model dairy and truck farm. In different localities the spirit of better things manifests itself in different ways. Sometimes it takes the form of increasing the fertility of the soil: at other places there is a demand for good roads: it is shown in the desire to keep better live stock, to have more attractive farmyard surroundings or to grow larger crops. It is shown in rural improvement clubs, in home economic organizations, in the consolidation of rural schools, in labor-saving appliances in the home, in making the home attractive and in a general belief that farmers are entitled to as pleasant surroundings as anyone else, and that a richer, fuller life may be better developed in the country than in any other place in the world. One would be compelled to hunt far and wide to find a more up-to-date farming community than right here in Boone county.

and it is not every day that one meets a man of such progressive taste as the gentleman whose life record is briefly given in the following paragraphs.

Mr. Hill was born in Sugar Creek township, Boone county, November 15, 1862. He is a son of Joseph and Amy (Kendall) Hill, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of North Carolina. They came to Boone county, Indiana, when young and here they were married in 1840, and settled southwest of Thorntown, where they became owners of valuable land to the extent of six hundred and forty acres and were among the leading and influential citizens of the western part of the county. They sold their farm in 1864 and moved to Thorntown where they bought property, later purchased another farm in Sugar Creek township and moved thereon, continuing general farming five years, then sold out and returned to Thorntown where the elder Hill went into the hardware business, in which he remained over two years, then sold out and retired, having accumulated a handsome competency through his industry and able management. His death occurred in 1887, his widow surviving until in February, 1904.

The following children were born to Joseph Hill and wife: John J., of Long Beach, California; Martha J., who married Jerry Rosenbarger, is deceased; Elizabeth is the wife of William P. Jester, of Colorado; Emily is the wife of Elwood Mills, of Riverside, California; Aseneth is the wife of Frank Benford, of Riverside, California; and William L., of this sketch, who is the youngest.

William L. Hill grew up on the home farm and resided with his parents until his marriage July 6, 1887 to Hettie Heaton, who was born in Decatur county, Indiana, but early in life moved to Clinton county, and there she grew to womanhood and received a good common school education. Mr. Hill was educated in private and public school at Thorntown. Mrs. Hill is the daughter of John and Emma (Colby) Heaton, a well-known family of Clinton and Boone counties, Indiana.

After his marriage Mr. Hill lived a year in Thorntown, farming near here, then moved to Clinton county, this state where he remained a year then returned to Sugar Creek township, Boone county, on a farm consisting of thirty-one acres just west of Thorntown, which he purchased, and here he has since resided, successfully engaged in dairying and general gardening, being well equipped for both and is making a comfortable living, finding a very ready market for his products owing to their superior qualities. Every-

thing about his place is kept in ship-shape, sanitary, attractive and convenient. He keeps a fine grade of cows and has a cozy home and well arranged out-buildings.

Politically, Mr. Hill is a Prohibitionist and is very pronounced in his views against the liquor traffic. He was born in the Quaker faith from which he has not departed.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill, named as follows: Jesse, Stella, John and Joseph are twins; Frank and Velva. They are all at home with their parents.

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#### ALEXANDER O. SPENCER.

Many of the best farms of Boone county were made wholly by the owners thereof, little, if any assistance having been received from the parents of such owners. It is also true that a number of the largest farms were inherited, wholly or in part, from their parents. It would seem at first glance that the latter holders were the ones to be congratulated, but this is not always the case, for very often they did not receive in youth the proper training as to thrift and industry that would enable them to save and properly manage their inheritance. On the contrary it may be set down as an unqualified truth that the man who, by hard knocks made all his property, beginning as a poor boy, learned at the same time how to take care of it. To know how to save money, as well as to know how to make it, is of the greatest importance in the rearing of a boy. Such training was received by Alexander O. Spencer, one of the best known and most highly honored pioneers of Lebanon, who, after a long, active, influential and useful life in Boone county, spent in agricultural pursuits, is now living practically retired, but although he has passed his allotted mile-post of three score and ten, is still hale and hearty as a result of a well spent life, right thinking and clean habits. He has taken an active part in the general development of this favored section of the Hoosier commonwealth whose interests he has ever had at heart since taking up his residence here considerably more than a half century ago, during which period he has noted many wonderful changes hereaways.

Mr. Spencer was born October 8, 1839 on a farm in Logan county.



A. O. SPENCER



Ohio. He is a son of Alexander and Catherine (Workman) Spencer. The father was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and the mother was a native of Logan county, that state. In the latter the father's death occurred when in the prime of life, and in 1859 the widow removed with her children to Center township, Boone county, Indiana and established the future home of the family. The mother married again, her last husband being Edward Crosson. Her death occurred in February, 1897.

Alexander O. Spencer was reared on the farm where he worked hard when a boy, and he received his early education in the district schools of Logan county, Ohio, and attended high school two terms in Circleville, Pickaway county, Ohio. After coming to Boone county he began farming for himself and here prospered through close application and good management. He is the owner of a valuable farm which he brought up to a high state of cultivation and improvement. It lies near the city of Lebanon and here he still resides having a comfortable residence and a good set of outbuildings. He has always kept an excellent grade of live stock of which he is a good judge.

Mr. Spencer was married December 5, 1861 to Martha C. Adair, a daughter of John and Eliza (Hon) Adair, a highly respected family of Boone county, they having come from Carlisle county, Kentucky here in 1852.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, namely: Ida, now the wife of William Means of Lebanon; and Frank B., who is married and lives in Indianapolis. The happy home of our subject was saddened by the death of his faithful companion on July 30, 1898.

Mr. Spencer was elected county assessor in the fall of 1910 and is now serving a term of four years, discharging his duties in a most creditable and satisfactory manner, and he also finds time to oversee his farming interests in Center township. Politically, he is a Democrat and has ever been faithful in his support of the party. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Encampment and the Rebekas, joining the order forty years ago, and he has passed all the chairs in both the subordinate lodges. He is deeply interested in agricultural improvement work and is an active member of the Boone County Agricultural Society. He has been a member of the Christian church since 1862 and faithful in the work of the same, having been an elder for forty years. He has also long been active in

Sunday school work, and for a number of years was superintendent of the Sunday school. In every way he merits the respect and good will which are everywhere extended to him, and is one of the valued and representative citizens of Boone county, a plain, broad-minded and honest and hospitable gentleman whom everybody likes to meet.

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#### ENOCH WHITELY.

The Union soldier during the great war between the states built wiser than he knew. Through four years of suffering and wasting hardships, through the horrors of prison pens and amid the shadows of death, he laid the structure of the greatest temple ever erected and dedicated to human freedom. The world looked on and called those soldiers sublime, for it was theirs to reach out the mighty arm of power and strike the chains from off the slave, preserve the country from dissolution, and to keep furled to the breeze the only flag that ever made tyrants tremble and whose majestic stripes and scintillating stars are still waving universal liberty to all the earth. For all these unmeasured deeds the living present will never repay them. Pension and political power may be thrown at their feet: art and sculpture may preserve upon canvas and in granite and bronze their unselfish deeds; history may commit to books and cold type may give to the future the tale of their sufferings and triumphs; but to the children of the generations yet unborn will it remain to accord the full measure of appreciation and undying remembrance of the immortal character carved out by the American soldiers in the dark days in the early sixties, numbered among whom was Enoch Whitely, one of the best known native-born agriculturists of Boone county, and honored scion of an early pioneer family.

Mr. Whitely was born in Jackson township, this county, March 10, 1843. He is a son of William and Mary J. (Coddington) Whitely, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Ohio. William Whitely was reared in his native state and from there he removed with his mother in 1832 to Boone county, Indiana, settling in Jackson township, north of Jamestown, and here he married Mary J. Coddington, who was young in years when her parents brought her to this locality, the family being also among the

pioneer settlers of Jackson township. The father of our subject devoted his life to general farming. His death occurred in Montgomery county, this state.

Enoch Whitley grew up on the home farm where he worked hard when a boy, for in those primitive days everybody who essayed to establish a home in the country had plenty to do in clearing and developing the land. He attended the subscription and district schools until the commencement of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company D, Sixty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry at Milroy, Rush county, under Captain Annis. They remained awhile in Camp Logan at Greensburg, Indiana, then went to Indianapolis and were mustered into service August 19, 1862, and were sent to Louisville, taking part in the Kentucky campaign. On September 17th of that year our subject was captured at Munfordville, with the entire garrison, but they were soon paroled and came back to Indianapolis where they remained until December, when they went back to Louisville. An unusual incident occurred during the surrender at Munfordville when Col. Edward A. King took the regimental flag from the staff pole and wound it around his body under his clothing and succeeded in getting through the parole and back to Indianapolis with it, which is probably the only case of this kind on record. Mr. Whitley was again sent to Louisville for service in December, where he took a boat for Nashville in January, 1863. While on the voyage they were attacked by the Confederates, two boats being captured and burned, several were wounded, among whom was a colonel. Reaching Nashville the Federals remained in camp there until in April, doing guard duty, then were sent to Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In May the division made a raid through Tennessee, capturing many prisoners, horses and supplies. In June they went on a campaign from Murfreesboro to Chattanooga, and engaged in the battle of Hoover's Gap, also Pond's Springs, then came the great battle of Chickamauga, where Colonel King was killed, and his company lost twenty-two men out of a total of thirty-eight engaged, but our subject came through the two days' terrible conflict unscathed. He then went to Chattanooga and was in the siege there in November, 1863. He was in the advance that took Orchard Knob and Missionary Ridge, and he saw Hooker take Lookout Mountain. After this our subject's division was sent to Knoxville to relieve General Burnside, who was besieged there, and they campaigned through the entire winter in that section, without tents or much equipment of any kind. In

April, 1864, they camped at Cleveland, Tennessee, but the Sixty-eighth Indiana was detailed to do garrison duty at Chattanooga, where they remained until discharged from the service, June 20, 1865, at Nashville. During their garrison duty many raids were made in all directions and a great deal of skirmishing was done, fighting off the Confederate raiders on the railroad forming the base of supplies for the Union army farther south. General Wheeler was especially active against this line of communication, and a battle was fought with him at Dalton, Georgia, in 1864, during Sherman's march to the sea. The Sixty-eighth Indiana was one of the regiments sent to Decatur, Alabama, to keep back General Hood, who was raiding through that section. They returned to Chattanooga until Hood approached Nashville, where he was again met by the regiment in the great battle in which Hood's army was crushed by Thomas. According to his commanding officers, Mr. Whitley proved to be a brave and faithful soldier, and he was honorably discharged.

After the war he returned to Boone county and took up farming in Jackson township, also worked out at farm work in Montgomery county. On August 26, 1866, he married Martha M. Emmert, a native of Boone county, who was born January 15, 1847, and here she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Simon and Mary (Canady) Emmert, natives of Tennessee and South Carolina, respectively. Each came when children with their parents to Union county, Indiana, and there Mr. and Mrs. Emmert were married and in 1833 they removed to Boone county, entered land free from the government in Jackson township, where they engaged successfully in farming, reared their family and here spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in 1884 and the mother dying in 18—.

To Mr. and Mrs. Whitley four children have been born, namely: Elsworth, born July 12, 1867, married Louisa Moyer, a native of Montgomery county, who has borne her husband one child, Hazel, and they are now living on a farm near Lebanon; Lottie C., born March 28, 1872, married Joseph Canady, resides in Lebanon and they have one child, Harry; Mirty May, born June 6, 1873, married George McVay, and she died October 30, 1907, leaving one child, Gladys; Otto, born January 20, 1876, married Iva Jones, a native of Boone county; they live on a farm in Jackson township, and have one child, Jewell.

After his marriage Enoch Whitley went to farming on land belonging

to his father-in-law, remaining there some time, then bought a farm of forty-seven acres in section 20, Jackson township, and here resided until 1905, when he moved to Jamestown. However, he retained his farm until 1910, when he sold it and has since lived retired. He was very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser and has a good home where he is spending his declining years in comfort. He has been active in Republican politics. However, he is now a Progressive. He was elected township constable but refused to serve.

He is at this writing city marshal of Jamestown. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Mt. Zion, where his family also belong. He is at present a trustee in this church, and at different times has held all offices in the local congregation. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Antietam Post No. 162, at Jamestown, of which he has been junior vice-commander.

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#### HON. JOHN A. FARROW.

The true western spirit of progress and enterprise is strikingly exemplified in the lives of such men as John A. Farrow, one of Boone county's leading citizens, whose energetic nature and laudable ambition have enabled him to conquer many adverse circumstances and advance steadily. He has met and overcome obstacles that would have discouraged many men of less determination and won for himself not only a comfortable competency, together with one of the choicest farms in this favored locality, but also a prominent place among the enterprising men of this section of the great Hoosier commonwealth, and he has done much in a public way for the general advancement of the same. Such a man is a credit to any community and his life forcibly illustrates what energy and consecutive effort can accomplish when directed and controlled by correct principles and high moral resolves, and no man is worthier of conspicuous mention in a volume of the province of the one at hand.

Mr. Farrow was born in Hendricks county, Indiana, August 2, 1850. He is a son of Thomas and Barbara A. (Charles) Farrow. Both parents were born near Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and they both came to Boone county about 1830, each with their parents, and here they were married. Thomas Farrow was born in 1828, and his death occurred in this county, September

15, 1855, when a young man. He devoted his life to farming. His family consisted of seven children, of whom John A., of this sketch was the youngest; only one other survives, Mrs. Nancy N. Wyatt, who lives in Pendleton, Indiana. Two brothers, Francis M. and William Henry, served in the Civil war, the former in Company F, Fortieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he was killed at the battle of Missionary Ridge; William Henry was in the One Hundred and Sixteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he died during the service at Camp Nelson, Kentucky. He left a wife and one son, Francis M., both still living. James, the oldest of the brothers, died in middle life, leaving a family of six children, all still living but one. Only one lives in Boone county, Vaughn, who married Thomas Plunkett, and lives in Advance. One son of James (deceased) is Ernest E., who is a captain in the regular army of the United States and is now serving in the Philippines, is married and his wife is with him; they were married in Salt Lake City.

John A. Farrow was five years old when his father died. The mother, a woman of fine courage and fortitude, kept her children together, the older ones renting land which they tilled and all lived together until the mother's death, which occurred in Boone county, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, in 1905, she having been born in 1819.

Our subject was but eight years old when he started out to work for a living, on a farm, consequently he received but a meager education, but he was ambitious and has remained a student all his life and has become an exceptionally well-educated man, and is entitled to a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished in the face of discouraging environment. On September 20, 1883 he married Clarisa E. Emmert, who was born March 16, 1859, in Boone county. She is a daughter of David Jackson Emmert and Eliza (Coddington) Emmert. Mrs. Farrow is a granddaughter of Simon Emmert, one of the most prominent of the first settlers of Boone county. After his marriage Mr. Farrow worked at the carpenter's trade for nine years, also bought and sold grain and stock at Jamestown. About 1892 he started farming on rented land in Jackson township, which he continued for a period of eight years. In 1900 he bought forty acres in section 3, on which he made substantial improvements, erecting modern buildings and this farm he sold to E. R. Canady, and in 1908 bought his present farm in section 20, Jackson township, which he has improved in an up-to-date manner, and it is one of the choice farms of the township, and he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Farrow, one of whom died in infancy; those living are, George L., a Methodist minister, born April 6, 1885, married Grace Shields a native of Boone county, and they have one child, Wayne; William Thomas, born July 1, 1886, married Gertrude Buechler, a native of Boone county and they have one child, Louise; he is a merchant at Lizton, Hendricks county; Hattie Jane, born August 1, 1888, is a graduate of Jamestown high school; Nora Alice, born December 18, 1890, married Walter K. Brumfield, a farmer of Hendricks county; Maude Florence, born March 28, 1892, married Hansel Butler; he is farming in Boone county, and they have one child, Dorcella; Minnie May, born August 16, 1895, is a graduate of the Advance high school; David Jackson, born August 7, 1897 is attending high school at Advance.

Mrs. Farrow and family are members of the Methodist Protestant church, belonging to the Zion congregation, while Mr. Farrow holds membership in the Christian church at Advance. Politically, he is a Democrat and has long been a local leader in party affairs. He was for a period of four years, justice of the peace at Jamestown, and in 1903 he was elected to the general assembly of Indiana for one term, during which he made his influence felt for the general good, and served on two important committees, drains and dykes and auditing. As a public servant he has ever discharged his duties in a manner that has reflected much credit upon his ability and to the eminent satisfaction of his constituents, and his popularity is well-deserved.

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#### JESSE STANLEY REAGAN, M. D.

No other profession has accomplished, during the last half century the progress and development that have been made by the medical. This was not the work of those who became learned by knowledge obtained from books, or the experiences of a past generation, but by those who rose to new occasions, who thought in new lines and did new things, for "New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth." The man of original thought and action, whose text book forms but the basis of future work, has ever moved forward, taking his profession with him; he becomes a leader, and those that follow reap lasting benefit from his work. Such a man was

the late Dr. Jesse Stanley Reagan, for a period of fifty-seven years one of the best known medical men of northern Indiana. In considering the character and career of this eminent member of the medical fraternity, the impartial observer will be disposed to rank him not only among the most distinguished member of this important branch of science in his day and generation, in which he had few peers and no superiors in Boone and adjoining counties, but also as one of those men of broad culture and genuine benevolence who did honor to mankind in general. In overcoming the obstacles incident to the life of a pioneer physician he exhibited patience and persistence; through a long and busy life, replete with honor and success worthily attained, he knew none but the highest motives, and to the practice of his profession he brought rare skill and resource, such qualities stamping him as a man of extraordinary talent and entitling him to be classed with the benefactors of mankind. His quick perception and almost intuitive judgment rendered him well nigh infallible in diagnosis, and yet, although confident in his own conclusions, he was ever willing to lend an ear to suggestions. His touch was gentle and his nerve steady, and no matter how tense the strain or how great the responsibility of a delicate operation, he was ever able to guide his knife to the "unerring line of safety." Throughout his busy life he was ever a hard, enthusiastic student, thus keeping well abreast of the time, not only with his own country, but also kept in close touch with the medical literature of continental Europe. For he realized the fact that the man who would inscribe his name on the scroll of successful physicians must be a master of the construction and functions of the component part of the human body of the changes induced in them by the onslaught of disease, of heredity and of the vital capacity remaining in them throughout all vicissitudes of existence. He must be, at the same time, wise in human nature, wise in the laws of general science, and wise in social amenities.

Dr. Reagan was born in Warren county, Ohio, February 15, 1829. His parents brought him to Clinton county, Indiana when he was six years of age. He grew to manhood in his adopted state and received the usual early education of pioneer children in those days. In 1843 he began the study of medicine under Dr. Almond Loftin, then of Clinton county, but later of Indianapolis. Subsequently he attended Rush Medical College in Chicago for two years. Returning to Boone county in 1852 he began the practice

of medicine at Mechanicsburg, and continued active practice until near the close of a long and useful life. He was very successful as a general practitioner and his name was a household word in this locality for over a half century. During the earlier years of his practice he experienced the hardships known to the pioneer physician. He never refused a call, and often traveled many weary miles on foot, to answer the call of the sick and distressed. He was especially well and favorably known to the earlier settlers of the county, and even after the county became more thickly populated and the number of physicians increased, his practice showed no diminution. He was the regular physician of many families from one generation to the next.

Dr. Reagan was married September 27, 1854 to Elizabeth Hardesty, whose death occurred in 1878. To this union were born four children, all of them being now deceased; Frank C. is mentioned below. The deceased children were: Mrs. Anna Curry Wilds, who died, leaving two children, Mrs. Fay Curry, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Louena Oliphant, of Marion, Indiana; Mrs. Lucy Warbington, who died in 1883, leaving one child, Mrs. Nellie Stephenson, of Lebanon; Myrtle, who was born in 1871, and died in 1891. Another grandchild, Elizabeth Stanley, daughter of Frank C. Reagan, resided in New Jersey. On November 24, 1880, Dr. Reagan was married at Thorn-town, Indiana, to Mrs. N. Emma Hebb. She is a daughter of Dr. Levi and Frances (Smith) Gustin, natives of Ohio and Virginia, respectively. To Dr. Reagan and his last wife one child was born, Walter Reagan, who is living in Lebanon.

Politically, Dr. Reagan was a Republican, and was influential in public affairs. He was elected county clerk in 1886 for a term of four years, and began his duties in November, 1888. In 1888 he removed to Lebanon where he spent the rest of his life. In 1896 he was elected to the city council, where he served for two years. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church for many years, and served in the capacity of elder. He was a member of Boone Lodge No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons and had been a Mason for nearly fifty years. Dr. Reagan was for twenty years one of the directors of the Lebanon National Bank, and for five years was vice-president of that institution.

Frank C. Reagan, mentioned in a preceding paragraph, was one of the best known attorneys of Lebanon, and was about fifty-two years old when he died in 1910. He was born in Mechanicsburg and had lived all his life

in Boone county. He attended Lebanon high school and also a normal school here. When his father was county clerk, Frank C. began to read law. He quickly mastered the details of his profession and came to be considered one of the most brilliant members of the local bar. He had more than the usual native ability and was decidedly successful in his practice. He had a keen mind and was a ready speaker and was well versed in the law, the knowledge of which he acquired with less effort than most. In the conduct of cases he was a hard fighter and always gave his clients the benefit of his best efforts, whether the litigation was of great or little importance. He was well read along nearly all lines and his knowledge of varied subjects was often remarked by those who came in contact with him. He had a sense of humor that was unusual and his ready wit was often used to advantage in a controversy, legal or otherwise against an adversary.

The death of Dr. Jesse S. Reagan occurred February 9, 1910, when within a few days of his eighty-first birthday. At a meeting of the Boone County Medical Society a few days afterwards the following resolutions were passed:

“To the President and Members of the Boone County Medical Society:

Your committee to whom was referred the duty of formulating and presenting to this society resolutions of respect and memorandum on the life of Dr. J. S. Reagan beg leave to report.

“Whereas, Divine Providence has called from the field of his labor and this society one of its active and honored members and from the profession of medicine an industrious and honest practitioner.

“Therefore, Resolved, that we submit to the will of Him who of right ‘Giveth and taketh away.’

“Resolved, that we recognize in him and honor the true principle of the noble profession he represented in his life and character and applied in his humanitarian ministrations.

“Resolved, that in him we found the courage to ever maintain the Christian character and independence of opinion in an honest conviction regardless of pecuniary gain or the attitude of public criticism.

“Resolved, that we extend our sympathy and join with the family, patrons and profession in this hour of sadness, but rejoice in the life and usefulness of him whose Christianity and service to man entitles him to a place above all earthly things.

"Resolved, that these resolutions be made a part of the records of the Boone County Medical Society and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family. Committee: Herma A. Beck, A. P. Fitch, J. S. Shields."

A detailed review of Dr. Reagan's interesting, successful and honored career would be, in a measure, to give a review of medical history for the past half century, and his life has been so intricately interwoven with the history of Boone county that to give a specific account of the one would be to set forth the history of both. Suffice it to add only that the locality was greatly blessed and honored by his long residence and his name will ever occupy a very high position on her roster of distinguished, useful and esteemed citizens of the past.

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#### DAVID W. REED.

In presenting the following brief review of the long, useful and interesting career of David W. Reed, one of the progressive and widely known citizens of Jefferson township, Boone county, we find that the battle of life has been well fought by this enterprising, broad-minded, self-made gentleman. That he is endowed with financial abilities of no mean order must be admitted, yet there has ever been added to this an honest determination of purpose and a kind heart, which has impelled him to assist others on the highway of life while he was making a path of prosperity for himself. From an early age his desire has been to legitimately earn every cent needed in the prosecution of his individual affairs. He has always lived up to his high principles; and now as old age creeps on apace, with the ambition to accumulate not so strong in him as in earlier years, no longer being a necessity, free from embarrassing debts and with unencumbered property, he stands among the financially strong men of his locality. He is a straightforward and unassuming gentleman and by reason of his noble character and sound judgment he is frequently sought for as counsellor and friend, and many, especially deserving young men have been greatly helped by him in getting a start in life.

Mr. Reed was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, March 4, 1856. He is a son of John and Lavenia (Hanger) Reed, who spent their earlier

years in the Old Dominion, each being representatives of fine old southern families. The father came to Indiana in 1865 from Virginia, making the long journey of some seven hundred and fifty miles by wagon, the trip requiring thirty-one days. He was accompanied by his wife and four children, the eldest of whom was sixteen years old. They came by way of Montgomery county, and located in Boone county, purchasing fifty-two acres in section 4, Jefferson township, ten acres of which was cleared, and on it stood a small log house, with a chimney of sticks. He cleared the land and worked the timber into staves, did considerable ditching, in the old way with timber. About 1872 he built a frame house. He was a good manager and hard worker and at the time of his death owned one hundred and twenty acres, which is still in the family, belonging to his grandson. In 1898 he and his faithful life companion retired from active life and moved to Lebanon, building a residence on North street, where his death occurred in 1899, after which the mother of our subject moved to Advance where her death occurred in 1906, both having spent long and useful lives and were honored by all who knew them. Their family consisted of six children, namely: Baxter lives in Jefferson township; Margaret M. died when about seventeen years old; David W., of this sketch; Willie L., now deceased, was the wife of Frank Evans of Montgomery county; Mary A. married Oliver Bowman and they live in Montgomery county; Henry S. died in infancy.

David W. Reed grew to manhood on the home farm where he worked hard when a boy, assisting his father clear and improve the land. He received the usual educational advantages of those pioneer days, and in later life has become a well informed man by wide home reading and by contact with the world. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years old. On January 8, 1880, he married Anna Miller, of Harrison county. She is a daughter of Henry and Ann Delila (Winters) Miller, who were early settlers of Harrison county, spending their lives on a farm, where they both died. Mrs. Reed was the youngest of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity. The oldest brother, Fabious was a soldier in the Civil war, in an Indiana regiment, and he died during the service. John F. Miller was a teacher in the Jamestown schools until his death in 1913. Tine Miller was for many years a teacher in Boone county, later went to Indianapolis and secured a responsible position with the United States mail service, with an office in the government building for some thirty years, being postal clerk

examiner; he died in 1912. Jennie Miller, who was for years a teacher in Boone county, now lives in Montgomery county with the only surviving brother, P. F. Miller. Adelaide Thomas, who was a resident of Boone county for years, is now living in Iowa. Mrs. Isabelle Gorman now lives in Atchison, Kansas. Emma, a Boone county teacher, died in 1887, and Clinton died in the state of Washington in 1894.

David W. Reed purchased forty-four acres of land in section 4, Jefferson township, Boone county, where he remained two years. He ditched and cleared nearly all of this place and sold it, and in 1882 bought eighty-three acres, where he now lives. It had been little improved but was nearly all cleared. Our subject cleared twenty acres and placed it under cultivation, and put in about one thousand rods of tile, and now has one of the valuable and choice farms of the township. In 1887 he built a fine large residence on this place and he also has an excellent group of outbuildings. He has carried on general farming and stock raising on a large scale and feeds large numbers of cattle and hogs from year to year.

Mr. Reed and wife became the parents of five children, one of whom died in infancy, namely: Emma Forest, born in 1880, married William E. Swisher, of Jefferson township, and they have three children; Russell, Wyvonne P., and George; Mary Alma, born in 1883, married Erwin F. Miller, of Jefferson township, and they have four children, Emma B., Lloyd, Arthur and Henry; Clara O., born in 1890, married Oscar Srader and they live in Indianapolis, and have one child, David; John Clifford, born in 1894 is attending Indiana University at Bloomington.

David W. Reed has been very successful in his life work and is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished. He owns his original eighty-three acres on which his residence stands, also owns eighty acres in section 28, one hundred and ten acres in section 29, making a total of two hundred and seventy-three acres of valuable, well-improved and productive farming land. He also owns considerable valuable business property in Indianapolis, and a one-third interest in one hundred and sixty acres in North Dakota. He was one of the first advocates of the co-operative telephone system, now so successfully operated. Politically, he was for many years a Republican, but is now a Progressive. He has been active and influential in local public affairs for many years. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Shannondale. He was elder in the

church at Dover for a number of years before that church was discontinued. He has traveled extensively, including a visit to Cuba, and, being a keen observer, talks interestingly of what he has seen and experienced. He lived one year in Indianapolis and three years in Lebanon, where he built a fine residence on Park street, which he afterwards sold; he also erected a dwelling in Thorntown where he lived one year, which he also sold. Personally, Mr. Reed is a companionable, genial and courteous gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

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#### RICHARD W. HOWARD.

"Agriculture is the oldest of all alchemy," says a distinguished writer, "for it turns earth and even refuse into gold and confers upon its cultivator the additional reward of health." The oldest of human vocations and noblest of them all has been honored in Boone county by the successful career of Richard W. Howard, one of the enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Marion township. He has spent his long life in this locality in connection with general farming and has done his part in encouraging better farming methods with the advancing years. His career contains few mistakes and abounds in much that is honorable and of good report, containing the record of an untarnished name and a character above reproach which is much more to be desired than great riches.

Mr. Howard was born in Clinton township, Boone county, December 21, 1843. He is a son of John and Margaret (Alexander) Howard, the former a native of Mason county, Kentucky, and the latter of Pennsylvania. After their marriage they settled in Rush county, Indiana, their marriage having taken place in Kentucky. Later they came to Clinton township, Boone county, in 1835, thus being among the early settlers, and entered land from the government. It was covered with a dense growth of timber, but this Mr. Howard cleared and improved a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, and here spent the rest of his life, dying September 20, 1870, his wife surviving only a month, her death occurring on October 22, 1870. Eight children were born to them, five now living, namely: Cynthia A. died February 8, 1914; Mary J. is the widow of Lauderic Wilson, of Kokomo, Indiana; John W. lives at Ottawa, Kansas; James A., who was a soldier in

the Civil war, was killed in the battle of Chickamauga; William J. died in 1897 at Lexington, Missouri; Henry W. lives on the homestead of his parents; Addison Lane lives in Lebanon, Indiana; Richard W., of this review, is the youngest of the family.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood on the home farm which he helped develop from the wilderness, and he received his education in the early day schools; however, that was limited and he is principally self-educated, having been a diligent reader all his life and is now a well informed man on current topics. During the Civil war he remained at home and took care of his parents. In 1865 he went to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he had a wealthy aunt, and conducted her farm for six years, with the exception of one year when he was overseer of a large farm in that vicinity. He then returned to Boone county, locating in Marion township and was married January 22, 1870 to Frances H. Lane who was born in Marion township, and was reared and educated here. She is a daughter of William and Mahala (Sims) Lane, natives of Indiana. After his marriage Mr. Howard lived in a house on his father-in-law's farm, which place he worked and divided the crop. In 1871 he traded for forty acres in section 8, Marion township, mostly unimproved, but he cleared and improved it and lived there three years, then added forty acres more to it, which was also unimproved; this he cleared and placed under cultivation, and as he prospered he kept adding to his farm until he became owner of one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, all of which he cultivated with the exception of twenty-seven acres, and he has continued to reside thereon, carrying on general farming and stock raising, and he has a good set of buildings on his place. However, since 1895, he has merely superintended his place, leaving the hard work for others. He is one of the leading mule raisers in the county, his fine mules always finding a very ready market owing to their superior quality.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard: Charles C., of Marion township; Maud is the wife of William C. Woodruff, and they live on our subject's farm; Bertha D. is the wife of Charles Kouns, of Union township, Boone county. These children were all educated in the local schools and are well situated in life.

Politically, Mr. Howard votes independently. He was superintendent of the county farm one year and was constable of his township for two years, filling these positions with satisfaction to all concerned. Fraternally, he be-

longs to the Improved Order of Red Men, No. 117 at Sheridan, Indiana. He and his wife are members of the Christian church. When they were married, forty-three years ago, there were very few roads in this vicinity, the Michigan road being about the only one of consequence. Since that early day Mr. Howard has helped put through and gravel all roads in this locality, and helps to keep them improved, has also been an advocate of ditching, and has done much for public improvements in every way.

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#### ELWOOD THOMPSON HARRIS.

Those who know Elwood Thompson Harris well are not surprised that he has won success at his chosen vocation, that of tilling the soil, for he is a man who has been a close student of whatever pertains to his chosen life work, believing that the best methods are none too good. He has kept the old home place in Jefferson township, Boone county, in fine condition, so that it has retained its old-time richness of soil and the same abundant crops are usually gathered from its fields. He has considered himself fortunate, and indeed he might well do so, that he has been permitted to spend his life on the old home place, for, as a famous writer said long ago, "There is no place like home," and also because the home of our subject happened to be in a country greatly favored by nature. It is true that it took a great deal of hard work to get this county into proper shape for agricultural purposes, but once in condition, there is no better.

Mr. Harris was born on the farm where he now lives in section 13, Jefferson township, Boone county, January 1, 1854. He is a son of Mathew Thompson Harris and Martha (Ferguson) Harris. The father was born in Georgia in February, 1816, and the birth of the mother occurred in January, 1816, in Union county, Indiana. The father was fourteen years of age when, about 1830, he left his native state in the Southland and made the long overland journey to Boone county, Indiana, with Adrian Ball, his brother-in-law. They rented land for about a year, then Mr. Ball took up a claim of eighty acres in Sugar Creek township, which they worked until Mr. Harris was old enough to enter land, which he did, entering eighty acres, which he sold, later entering another eighty farther east, then bought two



MARTHA FERGUSON HARRIS



MATHEW T. HARRIS, Deceased



hundred and forty acres, which a Mr. Walker had entered from the government; however, it had not been improved, further than that a log cabin and a log stable had been built on it and sixteen acres had been cleared. The tract was heavily timbered with walnut, oak, sugar maple, etc. Mr. Harris went to work with a will and cleared eighty acres, placed it under cultivation and built a frame house in 1850, and about eight years later a large frame barn, which is still standing. He prospered, becoming one of the leading farmers of the township and at the time of his death owned four hundred acres, all in Boone county. His death occurred in December, 1860. He married Martha Ferguson in January, 1826. She was a daughter of William Ferguson, one of the very early settlers of Boone county. The death of Mrs. Harris occurred in Thorntown, August 18, 1891. After her husband's death she remained on the home place with her family until about 1888, when she moved to Thorntown. To Mathew T. Harris and wife eight children were born, namely: Judith J. married Samuel Laughlin, deceased; William F. married Alice Potts, a native of Boone county; both died, leaving three children, Frederick and Eva, living in Oklahoma, and Colorado, respectively, and May, who died when seventeen years of age; Martha J. married Michael Campbell, now deceased; she is living in Syracuse, Nebraska, and has six children living; Sarah died in 1860; Robert died at the age of fourteen; Mary and Hannah both died in infancy: Elwood T., of this review, is the youngest of the family.

Our subject grew to manhood on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. After the death of his father, he remained with his mother on the homestead. On February 20, 1878, he married Mary Ellen Messmore, a native of Grant county, Indiana, who was born April 11, 1855, and is a daughter of Albert and Jane Messmore, who were early settlers of Shelby county, removing to Grant county about 1864. The mother died some twenty years ago, but the father is still living, having attained the advanced age of ninety years, and is remarkably hale and hearty. Our subject assisted in the management of the home place after his father's death, and he has been very successful as a general farmer, his place of one hundred and sixty acres having been well kept and well tilled, and he also owns a half interest with his sister of a two hundred and forty acre farm in another section in this township. This land they started to purchase some thirty

years ago, buying it in several tracts. All this land is under excellent improvements, including about one thousand rods of tiling. On his present place, in section 13, he erected a large frame residence in 1892, and has also built other good buildings. He feeds stock extensively from year to year, shipping large numbers of cattle and hogs to the market, usually feeding about one hundred head of cattle and two hundred head of hogs. He is one of our leading agriculturists and stock men.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris: Mathew T., born April 8, 1879, is in business in Thorntown; Roxie Jane, born May 31, 1881, married Ernest McKern, a groceryman of Thorntown, and to them one child, Lillian, has been born, the date of her birth being May 18, 1905; Glenn died in infancy.

Formerly Mr. Harris was a Republican, but is now a Progressive. He has long been more or less influential in local public affairs, however is not especially active in political matters. He and Mrs. Harris are highly esteemed in their community for their upright, industrious and wholesome lives, both being fine examples of self-culture, having become well educated principally through their own efforts.

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#### WILLIAM H. BOWMAN.

The final causes which shape the fortunes of individual men and the destinies of states are often the same. They are usually remote and obscure; their influence wholly unexpected until declared by results. When they inspire men to the exercise of courage, self-denial, enterprise, industry, and call into play the higher moral elements; lead men to risk all upon conviction, faith—such causes lead to the planting of great states, great nations, great peoples. That state or county is the greatest which produces the most useful, most manly men, and the intrinsic safety depends not so much upon methods and measures as upon that true manhood from whose deep sources all that is precious and permanent in life must at last proceed. Such a result may not be consciously contemplated by the individuals instrumental in the production of a country; pursuing each his personal good by exalted means, they work out his as a logical result; they have wrought on the lines of the greatest

good. When the life of one such individual ends, we look back over the pathway he had trod and note its usefulness—its points worthy of emulation and perpetuation. What the late William H. Bowman, one of the most progressive and highly honored citizens of Boone county of a past generation, did for his fellow men and the community in general might, in a manner, be told in words, but in its far-reaching influence, cannot be measured. He tried to keep in close touch with the forward movement of the people, and from a sincere and deepfelt interest in the general welfare, labored for all that would prove of public benefit until the busy and useful life was ended, and he was called to the reward of the just.

Mr. Bowman was born May 15, 1835, and he was called to his eternal rest on January 30, 1903, on the home place north of Advance, in Jefferson township, Boone county. He is a son of Henry and Catherine (Airhart) Bowman. The father came from Virginia in a very early day, bringing his family overland, which consisted of his wife and five children, Elizabeth, Nancy, Sarah, John C. and Pollie R., all of whom were born in the Old Dominion. The family located in section 6, Jefferson township, Boone county, buying eighty acres, all timbered land. On this the elder Bowman erected a log cabin, cleared and improved his land and became a successful farmer, and here he reared his family. His log cabin gave way to a pretentious frame residence in due course of time, and, as he prospered he added to his original purchase until at the time of his death he owned about three hundred and forty acres. Two of his children were born in this county, William H., of this sketch; and Rebecca, the youngest of the family, who married Daniel Brown, one of the early settlers of Boone county.

William H. Bowman was reared on the home farm, and, like all children of pioneers, he worked hard assisting to clear and develop the homestead, and he received the usual educational advantages of those early times, which were by no means liberal. However, in later life he became a well-informed man by extensive home reading. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, then hired out at farm work for several years, then married Nancy Jane Farlow, who was born January 9, 1837 in Jackson township, Boone county. She is a daughter of George and Mary (Martin) Farlow, both natives of Indiana, where they grew up and were married and were early settlers in Boone county, where Mr. Farlow purchased forty acres north of Advance, where he reared his family, of which Mrs. Bowman was the

oldest, there being thirteen children in all, of whom only three besides Mrs. Bowman are now living—Mrs. Jacob Harlan, of Boone county; A. Farlow, of Indianapolis; and George Farlow, who lives in the state of Oregon. Mrs. Bowman was reared and educated in her native community and she remained at home until her father's second marriage, which took place late in life, and she went out to support herself, which she did successfully until her marriage to Mr. Bowman, of this memoir. After his marriage Mr. Bowman rented land for about three years, then bought eighty acres of his father in section 6, Jefferson township, and went to farming in earnest. Eleven acres were cleared, and he cleared the balance, and he added to his original holdings, and bought and sold, as he prospered through the exercise of sound judgment and good management until at the time of his death he owned over two hundred acres of valuable land, forty acres of which was in Montgomery county. This land included the old Bowman homestead, which our subject bought back from others after having been sold with his father's estate. Our subject was a good farmer in every sense of the word and then kept live stock, provided a pleasant home for himself and wife and was one of the leading men of his community. The union of our subject and wife was without issue. He was a worthy member of the Christian church.

Politically, Mr. Bowman was a Democrat all his life. However, he was not active in political affairs, being a great home man. After his death Mrs. Bowman remained on the home place about a year and a half when she moved to Advance and purchased a commodious home, which is tastily furnished and well-kept and in this she is spending her declining years in comfort and surrounded by plenty. She is enjoying excellent health, is well-preserved and appears much younger than her age would indicate. She has been a consistent member of the Christian church at Old Providence since she was eighteen years old. However, she recently transferred her membership to the church of this denomination at Advance. Mr. Bowman was a deacon in the old Providence church for many years up to the time of his death, and, like his good life companion, was very active in church work. Mrs. Bowman rents her fine farm of two hundred acres, and she attends to all her business affairs and lives alone. She is a strong-minded and well-read lady of splendid Christian character, and she and her lamented husband have done an incalculable amount of good in their community.

## WILLIAM JEFFERSON DARNELL.

In William Jefferson Darnell, widely-known attorney of Jamestown, Boone county, we find evidence of a peculiar characteristic that always makes for advancement—persistency, coupled with fortitude and lofty traits, and as a result of such a life Mr. Darnell has long enjoyed prestige as one of the representative professional men in a community noted for the high order of its talents.

He was born on March 5, 1847, in Hendricks county, Indiana. He is a son of Capt. William H. and Mathilda (Swain) Darnell, both natives of Kentucky. The father was a Baptist minister, and he came to Indiana in 1832, locating in Hendricks county, on timbered land north of Danville, clearing his three hundred and twenty acres and developing a good farm, but all the while continued preaching. In 1864 he came to Boone county, after having spent five years in Montgomery county. He was a man of industry and had accumulated over seven hundred acres in Hendricks county, which he later sold and invested in one hundred and sixty acres in Montgomery county, selling that when he moved to Boone county and invested in eighty acres in Jackson township where he lived until 1869 when he moved to Jamestown, remaining here until his wife's death in 1876, when he returned to Montgomery county, and there married a Mrs. Dewey, who lived but a short time, and after her death he married Susan Robinson, and they spent the rest of their lives in Montgomery county, dying in 1892. He owned considerable in Crawfordsville, Jamestown and elsewhere. By his first marriage eleven children were born, all growing to maturity, William J., of this sketch being the seventh in order of birth; James is farming in Jackson township, this county; Charles H. is also farming in this county; Mrs. Ida Ashley is the wife of John H. Ashley and they reside in Jamestown; Nathan T., a contractor and builder, lives in Louisville, Kentucky; Harriett lives in Indianapolis and is the widow of Elwood James; Mrs. Louisa M. Youel died leaving three children, Ernest, Daisy and Emma, who married Charles W. Fried; Milton S. is farming in Putnam county; Henry is a merchant in Montgomery county; Mrs. Georgia Shirk, deceased, lived in Crawfordsville and left three children, Clara, Ora and Edward; Charles H. lives in Jamestown and is a stock dealer and farmer.

William J. Darnell, of this sketch, received his early education in the

common schools and at Wesley Chapel in Montgomery county. He remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, when he married Kate George, of Indianapolis, May 18, 1870. She is a daughter of James and Sarah (Shields) George. Mr. George was a merchant in Indianapolis, where his death occurred during the Civil war. The mother's death occurred at the home of our subject in Jamestown where she had made her home after he married her daughter. In 1870 Mr. Darnell opened a shoe store in Jamestown which he managed five years, during which time he was reading law with Peterson & Lockhart, a prominent law firm of Jamestown. He was admitted to the bar in 1875 and has practiced law ever since in this city with the exception of 1895-6 when he resided in Lebanon, in partnership with Noah Loffrin, now deceased. He has been very successful as an attorney, and has won an especially wide reputation as a criminal lawyer, and has enjoyed a place in the front ranks of his professional brethren for more than thirty-five years in Boone county, during which he has kept fully abreast of the times, remaining a close student. He was associated with Samuel M. Ralston, present governor of Indiana, in the famous William Miller case, being retained by the defense, winning the case and establishing a precedent which set aside a state statute by appeal to the supreme court. Mr. Darnell has been admitted to the bar in seven states, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky and Alabama. He has traveled extensively, including a trip to Mexico in 1912-13, and was captured by the "red flaggers," a band of rebels, but was finally released and returned to Juarez. Formerly he was an active Republican, but since the organization of the Progressive party he has been loyal in his support of it. He has long been active and influential in local public affairs, and in 1895-6 was deputy prosecuting attorney of Boone county. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Luther Lodge No. 227, also the Encampment at Jamestown. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown.

To Mr. and Mrs. Darnell the following children have been born, namely: Oscar, born 1871, died in 1884; Florence, born in 1873, married J. F. Hall, formerly a business man of Jamestown, now of Los Angeles, California, and they have four children, Richard, Ina, John and Margaret; George, born in 1883 is an attorney, publisher and musician, editor of the *Jamestown Press*; he married Elsie Heath, of Boone county; he is also practicing law with his

father, under the firm name of Darnell & Darnell; Wilbur F. was born in 1887 and is a druggist at Bargersville, Indiana; he married Blanche Jackson, a native of Boone county, and they have one child, George. Kate, the youngest of our subject's children was born September 26, 1890 and was married May 18, 1910 to Gene Camplin. She was a graduate of the North Salem high school and attended the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, and taught school in Hendricks county prior to her marriage. She has one child, Darnell, who is one year old.

The father of our subject was a captain during the Mexican war. He assisted in raising a regiment in 1848 in Hendricks county, and was appointed captain, however the regiment was not called on for active service, but was enlisted and given proper credit, was drilled and ready for the front.

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#### GEORGE A. EVERETT.

Agriculture should be the best conducted business in the world, as all other business interests are dependent on it. In the soil is the source of our wealth, and from it we must get the money to carry on any other business. As life itself is more important than the conveniences of living, so is agriculture more important to the nation than other interests which have received much attention in the past. But just now there is a great deal being said about agricultural congresses, experiment stations, farm experts and the like, with a view of benefiting the different agricultural sections of the United States, consequently the farmers everywhere being benefited, all the people will feel the result in that these movements make more secure their opportunities to live. So every person should give his unqualified endorsement to movements that assure his country of a sufficient supply of food, for no nation can attain to the highest state of civilization with an underfed population.

One of the farmers of Boone county who is not only always ready to encourage any movement for the betterment of general farming but who is quick to adopt such new methods as are applicable in this locality is George A. Everett, of Perry township. He was born in Marion county, Indiana, May 7, 1855, and is a son of John and Susan (White) Everett, both natives

of England, where they grew to maturity, were educated and married, and later emigrated to Albany, New York, near which place the father worked on a farm two years, then moved to Marion county, Indiana, where he and his family maintained their home until the spring of 1865, when they moved to Brown township, Hendricks county, and there the death of John Everett occurred in 1871, and there his widow still lives, being now ninety years of age, her birth having occurred June 12, 1824. The date of her husband's birth was 1819. The following children were born to them: William E., of Hendricks county; John died in 1873; Amy lives with her mother; George A., of this sketch; Sanford lives in Hendricks county.

George A. Everett received a meager education in the public schools, which he left at the age of thirteen years. He remained with his widowed mother until his marriage on December 25, 1879 to Julia Edwards, who was born in Eel River township, Hendricks county, Indiana, and is a daughter of John K. and Jane (Pateman) Edwards, the father a native of Perry township, Boone county, and the mother a native of Eel River township, Hendricks county. John K. Edwards lived all his life in Perry township, with the exception of four years spent in Hendricks county. He was a successful farmer and was well liked by his neighbors. The paternal grandparents were William and Susan (Turner) Edwards, both natives of Kentucky, from which state they came to Boone county, Indiana in an early day, reaching here in February, 1834, and here they established their home in the woods, their neighbors being few. Mrs. Everett grew to womanhood in her native community and was educated there.

After his marriage Mr. Everett resided in Hendricks county for a period of thirteen years, then bought eighty acres in Perry township, Boone county, an improved farm. Here he prospered and added to his original purchase until he now owns a productive and valuable farm of one hundred and ninety acres, all well improved, except three acres of timber. He has a good home and outbuildings and keeps a good grade of live stock. The mother of Mrs. Everett died January 25, 1913, since which time Mr. Edwards has made his home with his son in Arkansas.

Mr. Everett is a Democrat politically and has been loyal to the party. He was elected township trustee of Perry township in 1908, and has served continuously ever since, giving eminent satisfaction to all concerned. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 839, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

lows; and Lodge No. 429, Improved Order of Red Men, both at Fayette, Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Everett the following children were born: John A., who lives in Perry township; Vina Schenck, wife of Isaac Schenck, of Hendricks county; Elma is the wife of Roy Smith, of Center township; William S. lives in Perry township; Lester is at home; Emma is also with her parents; Cora A., the sixth child in order of birth, died when four years of age.

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#### HARVEY W. HUBER.

The people who constitute the bone and sinew of this country are not those who are unstable and unsettled; who fly from this occupation to that, who take no active and intelligent interest in affairs affecting public utilities, schools, churches and good roads. The backbone of this country is made up of the families who have made their home, who are alive to the best interests of the community in which they reside, who are so honest that it is no trouble for their neighbors to know it, who attend to their own business and are too busy to meddle in that of others; who work on steadily from day to day, taking the sunshine with the storm and who rear a fine family to a comfortable home and an honest life. Such people are always welcome in any community and any country. They are wealth producers, and this county is blessed with many of them among which is that of Harvey W. Huber, well-known farmer of Sugar Creek township, where he has spent his entire life, having enjoyed the privilege of living on the old home place all the while, which he no doubt regards, as he should, as one of life's chief blessings, for as John Howard Payne well observed, "There is no place like home."

Mr. Huber was born in Sugar Creek township, Boone county, July 16, 1857. He is a son of Valentine and Amelia (Kashner) Huber, natives of Ohio. The paternal grandparents, William and Elizabeth (Hefler) Huber, were natives of Germany, and the maternal grandparents, Abraham and Betsey (Abernathy) Kashner, were natives of Pennsylvania. The latter family came to Montgomery county, Indiana in 1830 and entered land from the government.

Valentine Huber grew to manhood in Ohio and was educated and mar-

ried there, and in 1853 he came to Boone county, Indiana, and bought a farm of ninety-four acres in Sugar Creek township. His first wife died in 1854, without issue. In December, 1855, he married Amelia Kashner, mother of our subject. The elder Huber was a good farmer and prospered and he kept adding to his original farm here until he owned at the time of his death, February 8, 1889, one hundred and thirty-seven acres of valuable land. His second wife preceded him to the grave in February, 1888. Harvey W. Huber, of this sketch, was their only child. He grew to manhood on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. He remained with his parents during their life, and upon their death he inherited the homestead and here he has remained, carefully managing the same and keeping it well improved and under a fine state of cultivation. By close application and good management he has prospered and added to his original holdings until he is now owner of three hundred and eighty-eight acres, constituting one of the most valuable and most desirable farms in the township, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He has a pleasant home in the midst of attractive surroundings, and has kept the buildings all well repaired.

Mr. Huber was married December 26, 1882 to Mary Elizabeth Titus, who was born in Washington township, Boone county, where she grew to womanhood and was educated. She is a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Wilkins) Titus, both natives of Indiana, the father of Boone county, where he became a well-known citizen.

Stephen Titus, father of Samuel Titus came from Pennsylvania in 1831 and entered one hundred and sixty acres in Washington township; then walked back to Pennsylvania and returned with his family. His wife's name was Nancy (Barton) Titus of Pennsylvania. Both lived to a ripe old age. Samuel Titus was married in 1855 to Jane Wilkins:

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huber: Urban W. lives in Washington township; Beulah is the wife of Carl Riner and they live in Jefferson township; Verva, Ernest, John Titus, Amelia Jane, and Nathan Kashner, are all at home.

Politically, Mr. Huber is a Democrat, religiously a Presbyterian, and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, both of Thorntown.

Mr. Huber is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has ac-

complished. He was born in a two-story log house, with a fire-place both below and above. In 1867 his father built a story and a half brick house and the log house was torn down. His present modern thirteen-roomed house was built in 1901. It has all the modern improvements and is one of the most comfortable and well furnished homes in the county. He also has a splendid bank barn, forty-two by fifty-eight feet, with twenty foot posts, which barn was erected in the fall of 1895 but not entirely completed until the following year. It is up-to-date in every respect, with cement floors and is sanitary and comfortable, both a general and dairy barn, and he keeps twenty good dairy cows. All his land is used in his superb system of twentieth century agriculture. All his land lies in a rich bottom with the exception of seventy acres of upland. It is, on the whole, one of the show places in Boone county, and is named the Hidaway Farm. Mr. Huber is a breeder and preserver of the original big type spotted Poland China hogs and was one of the promoters in the organization of the American spotted Poland China Record Company which was organized at Indianapolis January 1, 1914.

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#### HARVEY MARION LAFOLLETTE.

The record of a life well spent, of triumph over obstacles, of perseverance under difficulties and steady advancement from a modest beginning to a place of honor and credit in the community, when imprinted on the pages of history, present to the youth of the rising generation an example worthy of emulation and one that may be studied with profit by those of more mature years. Dominated by the highest principles of integrity was the course of Harvey Marion LaFollette, one of the useful citizens of Boone county in its early period of development, who has long been sleeping "in God's quiet acre where we all shall meet," but whose influence on the locality of which this volume treats, shall never vanish. He placed true values on men and events, so that he was essentially democratic and unassuming and showed the intrinsic strength and loyalty of his character. He knew the spirit of human motive and action, so that he was kind and tolerant in his judgment and ever ready to lend a helping hand to any worthy movement. He was imbued with the deepest and most helpful public-spirit, and he was well

fortified in his opinions as to matters of public policy and gave of his best to the furthering of good government, as he was neglectful of no civic duty. It is scarcely necessary to say that in the inviolable precincts of an ideal home life the true nobility of Mr. LaFollette found perfect apotheosis, but there is no desire in this connection to lift the sacred veil of the fireside circle. Pure, constant and noble was the spiritual flame that burned in and illumined the moral tenement of the subject of this memoir, his character and Christian faith being fortified by careful study; for no man with his intellectual vigor and the love of truth which marked him, could live long without inevitably being brought to investigate the great moral laws governing life. In fact, he was a strong man in every respect and was successful in all he undertook.

Mr. Lafollette was born in Putnam county, Indiana, April 16, 1832. He was a son of Jesse and Mary (Lee) LaFollette, both natives of New Jersey, from which state they emigrated with their parents in childhood to Kentucky and later to Indiana in an early day, locating in Putnam county where they established themselves on a farm in the northern part of that county, in typical pioneer fashion. The death of the father occurred in 1843 after which the mother moved to Montgomery county, this state, where her death occurred in 1851.

Harvey M. LaFollette grew to manhood in Putnam and Montgomery counties, Indiana, and received his education in the old time subscription schools, and began life for himself as a stock-trader, being from early experience, an excellent judge of live stock. On December 22, 1853, he married Susan C. Fullenwider, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, December 10, 1835 and there grew to womanhood and was educated in the common schools. She is a daughter of Christopher and Sarah (Van Nuys) Fullenwider, natives of Kentucky, the father being of Swiss descent and the mother of Hollandish extraction. The parents of Mrs. LaFollette came to Montgomery county, Indiana, about 1833, among the early settlers. They located on a farm which they developed by hard work and perseverance. There the death of the mother occurred in 1855 and Mr. Fullenwider married again and removed to the state of Iowa where his death occurred about 1862.

After his marriage the subject of this memoir took up his residence in Dane county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming from 1854 to 1860. In October of the latter year he moved to Thorntown, in Sugar Creek town-

ship, Boone county, Indiana and bought property in Thorntown, launching out in the dry-goods and hardware business with his brothers Warren and Robert. Later he operated a large flour mill upon Sugar creek near Thorntown, until his death by accident while taking a new turbine to his mill, the team of horses frightened at the train and running away, throwing him against a schoolhouse, so that he died from his injuries September 4, 1865, over three months after the accident occurred. He was one of the successful business men of this locality of that early day, and his death was a blow to the community. Mrs. LaFollette has continued to reside in Thorntown, where she owns one of the most attractive, commodious and neatly furnished residences in Boone county. The city of LaFollette, Tennessee was named for a son and namesake of our subject. This son, Harvey M., served as State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Indiana, by popular election, from 1887 to 1891.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. LaFollette: Clara is the wife of George W. Nash and they live in Spokane, Washington; Charles S. has been in railroad employment for more than thirty years, lives in Chicago, Illinois; Harvey M. lives in La Follette, Tennessee; William Leroy lives in Pullman, Washington, being a prominent politician in that state and at present a member of congress from the Third District; Grant A. lies at LaFollette, Tennessee; two children are deceased, Warren Jasper, who was third in order of birth, died at the age of thirty-two years, and Robert Winchester died in infancy. United States Senator, Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, is a nephew of our subject.

Politically, Mr. LaFollette was a Republican and was active and influential in public affairs. He held a number of township offices when he lived in Wisconsin, was elected justice of the peace there, also served as chairman of the board of supervisors. Fraternally, he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Belleville, Wisconsin. He was reared in the faith of the Baptist church from which he never departed. Mrs. LaFollette is a devout member of the Presbyterian church, and she holds membership in the Rebekah lodge. She is a well-preserved lady, having the appearance of one much younger than she is. She is well-read, cultured and refined and she numbers her friends by the limits of her acquaintance only, and her beautiful home is known as a place of hospitality and good cheer.

## JOSEPH ARDRA McGEE, M. D.

The writer of biography, dealing with the personal history of men engaged in various affairs of every-day life, occasionally finds a subject whose record commands exceptional interest and admiration and especially is this true when he has achieved more than ordinary success or made his influence felt as a leader of thought and a benefactor of his kind. Dr. Joseph Ardra McGee, of Big Springs, Boone county, is eminently of that class who earn the indisputable right to rank in the van of the army of progressive men, and by reason of a long and strenuous career devoted to the good of his fellows, to the alleviation of their physical sufferings, he occupies a position of wide influence and has made a name which will long live in the hearts and affections of the people. For over thirty years, or through the principal period of Boone county's latter day progress, he has been practicing medicine here and his name has become a household word throughout the county.

Dr. McGee was born in Decatur county, Indiana, December 28, 1850. He is a son of John and Mary (Youngman) McGee, the former a native of Virginia and the mother was born in Pennsylvania, in which state they were married. John McGee learned the trade of wagon making when a young man which he followed in the early days. He came to Decatur county, Indiana where he devoted his days to farm work and his evenings to his trade. In 1851 he removed to Tipton county where he bought a farm on which he made all his own improvements, erecting substantial buildings, and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in the fall of 1862, his widow surviving until the fall of 1881. They were the parents of nine children, four of whom are living at this writing, namely: Catherine, now the widow of Joseph Cooper, of Tipton county; Dr. Joseph A., of this review; Sarah is the widow of Sylvester Cox, of Tipton, Indiana; Maturity is the wife of Thomas Jordan, of Tipton county.

Dr. McGee was reared on the home farm and there he did his full share of the work during the summer, and he received his early education in the common schools of Tipton county. He remained at home until his marriage in March, 1868, to Alice Jackson, a native of Shelby county, Indiana, where she was reared and educated. To this union one son was born, Jesse Elbert, who died in infancy. The wife and mother was called to her eternal rest in October, 1869. After his marriage Dr. McGee engaged in farming in

Tipton county, also in the wood and coal business in Kokomo for one year, also devoted a few months to the drug business. He came to Adams township, Hamilton county, Indiana, in 1874, where he bought land and remained there until the fall of 1881. Although he had been successful as a business man up to this time, he decided that his true bent lay along other lines and he accordingly began the study of medicine and entered the Physio Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis, remaining there two terms, graduating in the spring of 1883. In the meantime he began practice in the spring of 1882 at Big Springs, where he had located, having made an excellent record at college. He had however, studied medicine some time previously to going to medical college. He has remained continuously to the present time at Big Springs since 1882, and he has built up a large and lucrative practice as a general physician and surgeon. He has remained a close student and has kept well abreast of the times.

Doctor McGee was married November 10, 1874 to Hannah Maranda Jones, who was born in Washington township, Hamilton county, and she received a good education in the common schools. She is a daughter of William P. and Minerva J. (Rariden) Jones, he born March 8, 1826, she May 30, 1824, both natives of Rush county, Indiana, and a highly respected family. The father was a pioneer of Boone county, Indiana, having come here about 1848. He was a member of the Legislature in 1852-53. He was a minister of the Primitive Baptist church from 1872 until his death, which occurred April 26, 1901, the mother passing away two years later, September 20, 1903.

The paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Hannah (Snelling) Jones, both natives of Kentucky, where they grew to maturity and were married, and from there they moved to Rush county, Indiana in 1822, where Mr. Jones entered land from the government, which was heavily timbered, but he set to work with a will and cleared and improved one hundred and sixty acres of good land. This he farmed until 1848 when he sold out and the following year moved to Marion township, Boone county, where he bought a partly improved farm. Here he prospered and added to his original purchase until he had a valuable place consisting of four hundred acres, and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives becoming known through their industry and fine personal traits as leading citizens of the township.

To the Doctor and wife one child has been born, Zella May, born on

November 2, 1877, now the wife of Jesse C. Dulin, and they live in Marion township, this county.

Dr. McGee is a Democrat politically and is loyal in his support of the party's principles. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist church, in which he has been trustee for thirty-seven years. The father of his first wife also his last wife were ministers in the Primitive Baptist church. Personally, Doctor McGee is a gentleman of fine mind, lofty ideas and correct conduct, a kind, neighborly and sociable gentleman who is popular with all classes.

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#### VASCO DODSON.

It is one of the beauties of our government that it acknowledges no hereditary rank or title—no patent of nobility save that of nature's, leaving every man to establish his own rank by becoming the artificer of his own fortune. Places of honor and trust, rank and preferment thus happily placed before every individual, high or low, rich or poor, to be striven for by all, but earned alone by perseverance and sterling worth are most always sure to be filled with deserving men, or at least by those possessing the energy and talent essential to success in contests where public position is the prize. Vasco Dodson, the present efficient and popular prosecuting attorney of Boone, county, affords a conspicuous example of the successful self-made American who is not only eminently deserving of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens, but also possesses the necessary energy and talent that fit him to discharge worthily the duties of the responsible place with which he has been honored by the people of his county. A young man of vigorous mentality and strong moral fiber, he is achieving signal success in a calling in which few rise above mediocrity, and since entering the service of the public he finds those same qualities the chief factors in the carving out of a career that is above the suspicion of reproach and an honor to the county which he so ably and acceptably serves.

Mr. Dodson was born September 24, 1888 on a farm in Union township, Boone county. He is a son of William H. and Malinda (Harvey) Dodson, both parents natives of this county also, each representing sterling pioneer families. Here they grew to maturity, attended the rural district



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schools and were married and have since devoted themselves to general agricultural pursuits. So their son Vasco, grew up on the farm and when of proper age began to assist his father in the general work during the crop season. During the winter, he attended the public schools, being a boy when the family removed to near the city of Lebanon and he continued his studies in the city schools. After graduating from the Lebanon Business College he began life for himself by teaching two years in the shorthand department of that school and he gave satisfaction in this responsible position. Fostering a laudable ambition to follow the legal profession he began reading law about this time, under the direction of Patrick H. Dutch, of Lebanon, later giving up his position with the business college in order to devote his time exclusively to the law, and after completing the necessary course he was admitted to the bar in the autumn of 1909 and at once began practice in partnership with his preceptors, Mr. Dutch, which partnership continued with success from the beginning until Mr. Dodson was elected prosecuting attorney of Boone county in the fall of 1912. He took charge of the office January 1, 1913, for a term of two years. He has discharged the duties of the same with fidelity and energy, in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of his constituents, being alert in enforcing the laws and doing his full part in bringing about a more wholesome state of affairs in various ways. He has shown himself to be capable of handling the weighty affairs of his office with discretion, sound judgment and tact, and by a career so able and honorable while still at an age when most men are merely starting on their careers, the future for him augurs much of success and honor. He practices both in the state and federal courts, and is an able and trustworthy attorney in every respect and already ranks among the leaders of the local bar.

Politically, Mr. Dodson is a Democrat and is faithful in his support of the party, doing much for the success of the same locally. He is a member of the State Bar Association, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Dodson was married September 4, 1913, to Mabel Price, a daughter of David C. Price, formerly of Illinois, now an enterprising citizen of Boone county. Mrs. Dodson has received good educational advantages and she and our subject are popular with the best social circles of Lebanon.

## PRESLEY NEWBY.

There is a vice in much of the publicity given to agriculture that should be eliminated. It is true, isolated cases of ignorance and indolence exist, but these instances are always the exception in any community, and the percentage of delinquents is no greater than in any other line of industry. Men who are unable to make their way in the highways of trade move from the cities to the farm and perish for want of adaptability. Agricultural missionaries, sometimes inclined to be sensational, startle the public with reports of thrilling rescues made from the furrows of ignorance. To encourage our boys we sometimes give them the garden spot of the farm and give it first preference in cultivation. The result is a larger yield, and it is heralded to the world that the child can beat his father farming. Those who are inclined to be eccentric practice fancy farming, and enthusiasts announce the discovery of visionary methods of culture that will revolutionize farming, and these instances could be multiplied indefinitely. One of the successful and painstaking farmers of Boone county who advocate conservative yet practical methods in agriculture is Presley Newby, of Marion township.

Mr. Newby was born in Tipton county, Indiana, October 21, 1856. He is a son of Granville and Abigail (Barnhill) Newby, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Marion county, Indiana. Grandfather Edward Newby was a native of Kentucky. The maternal grandparents were Robert and Mary J. (Stoops) Barnhill. After their marriage the parents of our subject settled in Tipton county, Indiana. The father was a practicing physician and about 1855 he gave up practicing medicine and began farming which he followed until his death in 1889, his widow surviving until February, 1908. They were the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters.

Presley Newby, sixth child in order of birth, was reared on the home farm where he worked when a boy, and he received his education in the district schools.

Mr. Newby was married January 6, 1884 to Lillie M. Lamm, who was born in Delaware county, Indiana, and is a daughter of William and Harriet (Vanness) Lamm, natives of Ohio. Mr. Newby remained on his father's farm a year after his marriage, then went to Cheyenne county, Nebraska, taking up a homestead, one hundred and sixty acres, on the prairie,

which he broke and improved about sixty acres. Returning to Indiana in 1891 he located on a farm in Tipton county and farmed there one year, then moved about a mile north of that farm, remaining on the latter place two years, then rented a farm about six miles north of Sheridan in Tipton county which he operated six years, after which he moved to Hamilton county, locating near Horton, renting land one year. In February, 1901, he bought ninety acres in Marion township, section 13, which was partly improved. In November, 1912, he purchased forty acres adjoining the ninety acres on the south making one hundred and thirty acres altogether. Here he still resides and has made many important improvements on the place, remodeling the house, barn and erecting outbuildings and fences, until he now has a farm equal to any its size in the neighborhood. He carries on general farming and pays particular attention to stock raising, making a specialty of Holstein cows, Duroc-Jersey hogs and a good grade of horses.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Newby: Harlan D., of Hamilton county; Charlie died when six years old; William lives in Sheridan, Indiana; Blanche, Bertha, John, Edith and Ethel are all at home.

Politically, Mr. Newby is a Republican. While living in Nebraska he served as road supervisor for two years, also served two years in this capacity in Marion township, Boone county, giving eminent satisfaction in both instances.

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#### JAMES B. MOORE.

The history of Boone county reveals the handiwork of many a noble worker who wrought heroically and unselfishly. Her smiling fields and splendid homes, her high-grade institutions, her happy prospering people speak volumes of someone's strength of arm, courage of heart, activity of brain—of someone's sacrifice. But time, that grim obliterator before whose destroying fingers even the stubborn granite must, in the end succumb, is ever at his work of disintegration. Beneath his blighting touch even memory fails, and too often a life of glorious achievement is forgotten in a day. Lest we forget, then, this tribute to James B. Moore and his family is penned. Pioneer, successful tiller of the soil and public-spirited citizen, a courageous, kindly, generous man, it is the desire of the biographer, as it must be of all who know

him, that his deeds and his character be recorded for the benefit of those who follow after. By no means rich, as worldly possessions are estimated, he is rich in a thousand thronging memories of the rugged days long passed.

Mr. Moore was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, July 18, 1831. He is a son of Peter and Rachel (Morris) Moore. The father was born in North Carolina and the mother in New Jersey. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Morris, was a native of Ireland and the maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Morris, was a native of New Jersey. The paternal grandparents, Jacob and Mary Ann (Stegerwault) Moore, were natives of Pennsylvania. They were all early settlers in Dearborn county, Indiana. Grandfather Moore died in 1833 of cholera, and later his widow located in Boone county where her death occurred. About 1837, grandfather Morris brought his family to Boone county and here he and his wife both died. Peter Moore and wife, parents of our subject, were married in Dearborn county, Indiana and in 1836 removed to Boone county, locating in Marion township, where Mr. Moore entered one hundred and sixty acres from the government. It was wild land, heavily timbered. He erected a log cabin on the same and cleared and placed many acres under cultivation, enduring the hardships of the usual pioneer, but he was a hard worker and nothing daunted him. Here his death occurred in 1860, his wife having preceded him to the grave in August, 1842. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom are living at this writing. James B., of this review, is the oldest; George lives in Indianapolis, Indiana; William W. resides in Alvin, Texas.

James B. Moore grew to manhood on the home farm where he worked hard when a boy, assisting his father clear and develop the home place. He received such education as the old-time schools, taught in log school houses afforded. He remained with his parents until his marriage on October 31, 1873 to Nancy Ann Scott, a native of Boone county, and a daughter of Harvey and Russie (Hickerson) Scott, natives of Kentucky, from which state they came to Boone county, Indiana, when young and here they were married.

After his marriage Mr. Moore located on forty acres, twenty-five acres of which was cleared, of land he had purchased in Marion township, this county. Here he resided about six years, getting a good start in life, then traded his farm to his sister for a part of the homestead, on which he moved and where he has since resided. He later purchased forty acres additional of

the old home place from his sister. He has it all under cultivation, except some scattering timber which he has in pasture. He has been very successful as a general farmer, and is making a specialty of raising Poland-China hogs, Jersey cows and a good grade of horses. He continued hard and active work up to 1898, since which time he has done little more than merely oversee his farm, leaving the actual work on his son. He has the following children: Joseph H. is living in Marion township; Charles E., who conducts the home farm is married and has a daughter, and the family lives with our subject and wife, constituting a mutually helpful and happy household.

Politically, Mr. Moore is a Republican, and in religious matters belongs to the Methodist Protestant church.

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#### THOMAS J. JONES.

The well-known citizen whose name appears above is an excellent representative of the better class of retired farmers of Indiana. Mr. Jones comes from an ancestry that distinguished itself in pioneer times, he himself being a pioneer. When northern Indiana was covered with an almost interminable forest of large trees and the woods filled with wild animals, his people invaded the wilderness in this section of the state and began to carve a home from the primeval forests, assisted in building schools and churches, and in many ways did their part in helping to introduce the customs of civilization in the wilderness. They were sterling frontiersmen, willing to take the hardships and endure the privations in order that they might acquire the soil and the home that was sure to rise. It has been just such spirit that has caused the great West to be reclaimed and utilized, as told in Theodore Roosevelt's interesting work on "The Winning of the West."

Thomas J. Jones, a successful farmer of Marion township, Boone county, was born in Rush county, Indiana, May 18, 1838. He is a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Snelling) Jones, both natives of Kentucky, where they grew to maturity and were married, and from there they moved to Rush county, Indiana, in 1822, where Mr. Jones entered land from the government, which was heavily timbered, but he set to work with a will and cleared and improved one hundred and sixty acres of good land. This he farmed

until 1848 when he sold out and the following year moved to Marion township, Boone county, where he bought a partly improved farm. Here he prospered and added to his original purchase until he had a valuable place consisting of four hundred acres and there he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, becoming known through their industry and fine personal traits as leading citizens of the township.

Thomas J. Jones of this review, was the tenth child of a family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, only three of whom are living at this writing. Our subject grew to manhood on the home farm and his wife attended the first school taught in the present district, No. 6, as it is now designated. This was in 1854 and in a log cabin, formerly used as a residence, which stood opposite our subject's present home, on the north across the road. After his father broke up housekeeping our subject worked out by the day and month for a period of years. On September 19, 1861 he married Martha J. Bell, of Rush county, Indiana, a daughter of Robert and Mary J. (Moore) Bell, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. After his marriage Mr. Jones moved to a forty acre timbered tract in section 12, Marion township. He soon cleared a space and erected a log cabin. He worked hard and managed well, cleared and improved his land, adding to his original holdings as he prospered until he at one time owned a valuable farm of two hundred and thirty acres, all of which he improved. Having given considerable land to his children, he now owns but one hundred and three acres. He has a commodious home and substantial outbuildings and has one of the choice farms of the township. He has accumulated a competency through his close application and excellent management and has lived retired since 1903.

Mr. Jones is a Democrat, and in religious matters is a Primitive Baptist. He was liberated to preach the gospel in 1874, and ordained to the full functions of the Gospel ministry in 1876. From that date up to the present date, he has been a pastor of Antioch church of Marion township, and has been the pastor of from one to three other churches in Indiana. He has traveled and preached through Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio and West Virginia, doing a great amount of good and setting a worthy example before the younger generation. He is one of the useful and highly esteemed men of his township. His home is known as a place of old-time hospitality to the many friends of the family and Primitive Baptists.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones: Jonathan M., deceased; Elizabeth Ellen, age forty-nine at home with her parents; Mary C., deceased; Nancy Margaret, wife of R. L. Jarrett; Benjamin R., deceased; Franklin C; Millie A. is the wife of Raleigh H. Cox, of Marion township; Emma Olive died when sixteen years of age.

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#### EDGAR W. DAVIS.

There has been developed in recent years a new kind of business man. We now have the expert in business methods. Men are finding employment at large salaries who go into business houses or concerns previously unknown to them and after making a thorough study of the bookkeeping, cost of production and of selling and the general methods employed in the establishment, make recommendations for their improvement. When successful business men, manufacturers and financiers recognize the value of outside and scientific knowledge applied to their special lines of business, it is indeed time the farmer began to recognize and appreciate the help which it is possible for him to obtain from the scientific facts and principles underlying his methods and practice. One of the wide-awake and careful twentieth century agriculturists and stock men of Eagle township, Boone county, who never loses an opportunity to seize and apply a helpful idea to his chosen vocation, is Edgar W. Davis, and as a result of his vigilance, close observation and industry, he has made a pronounced success on his fine Sunny Side farm.

Mr. Davis was born in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, November 24, 1856, on a farm, and he is the son of John W. Davis, who was born in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, who was a son of Bela Davis, a pioneer of Wisconsin, who was also a native of Massachusetts. John W. Davis married Harriet Stever of Trumbull county, Ohio. She was of Mohawk Dutch or Holland ancestry. Five children were born to John W. Davis and wife, namely: Edgar W., of Zionsville, Indiana; Calvert J., of Denver, Colorado; Robert H., who died in September, 1884; John R. is a locomotive engineer on the Belt railroad, Indianapolis, Indiana; James B., one of the well known life insurance men of the United States is superintendent of the Metropolitan

Life Insurance Company. The father of these children who devoted his life successfully to farming, now seventy-nine years of age, lives in Indianapolis with his son, John R. Davis. On February 20, 1911, the mother passed to her rest at the age of seventy-three years. They were excellent people and worthy members of the Methodist church.

Edgar W. Davis was reared on the home farm and educated in the district schools, however most of his education has been obtained by contact with the world at large. He entered the railroad service at the age of twenty years and has railroaded continuously since that time. He began with the Big Four Railroad Company, on January 10, 1876, and is one of the pioneer engineers in Indiana, having remained thirty-seven years with the above named company, during which time he was regarded as one of their most faithful and trusted employees: always known as a careful, thoughtful, conscientious and able man where his duties were required, and he had few accidents, and he ranks fifth in point of years of service with that road. He began working in the roundhouse as helper, then became fireman and eventually engineer, and no man in the state has a better record as engineer than he. He was never reduced or "laid off" for mistakes or faults, as is so often the case with railroad men. Thirty-three years out of the thirty-seven were spent as engineer.

Mr. Davis was married December 30, 1878, to Susie D. Allen, a woman of many praiseworthy characteristics, and a native of Decatur county, Indiana. She is a daughter of John and Anna Allen. Mr. Davis has lived in Indiana thirty-seven years. Seven years ago he purchased thirty-three and one-half acres of rich bottom land in Eagle township, and here he is spending his declining years in quiet and comfort in his cozy home which is appropriately called Sunny Side, which is in the midst of beautiful surroundings. He farms his little place scientifically, although not on so large a scale as many of his neighbors. He keeps a high grade of Jersey cows and Plymouth Rock chickens.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, namely: Anna E. is the wife of C. A. Mills, of Indianapolis; Lillie Susie is the wife of H. B. Dynes, also of Indianapolis; Mary E. is at home with her father; Leonard W. is at home; Lorin Albert is at home; Edgar died in infancy. The wife and mother was called to her rest at the age of fifty-five years on May 18, 1913. She has been a very faithful helpmeet and was a kind mother and a good

neighbor, whom everybody esteemed. She was praised by her many friends for her beautiful christian character.

Politically, Mr. Davis is a Republican. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Lodge No. 492, at Indianapolis, in which he has been active. He is one of the best known railroad men in this section of the state and, being a genial, companionable gentleman has an exceptionally wide circle of friends.

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#### WILLIAM N. LEMON.

A system of grain farming, when not much live stock is kept, depletes the supply of fertility in the soil. It has been proven that such a system of farming cannot be continued, because the yields will eventually fail to pay expenses and the interest on the investment. When all crops are fed on the farm and only the live stock is sold, there will be only a small loss in fertility each year if all the natural fertilizing material is returned carefully to the fields. The farmer must learn in Indiana, the same as they have learned in some of the older eastern states to conserve the fertility of the soil if permanent success is to be obtained. It is as necessary for him to do this, as it is for the manufacturer to keep the machinery and system of organization in his factory at its highest point of efficiency. If he does not do this, he cannot hope to succeed permanently. One of the well-known and successful agriculturists of Boone county who clearly understands the necessity and manner of conserving the original strength of the soil is William N. Lemon, proprietor of Maple Leaf Farm in Eagle township.

Mr. Lemon was born September 12, 1836, in a log house on the banks of a stream known as Fishback, and is a true product of pioneer days. He is a son of William Lemon, who was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, and was a son of James Lemon, also a native of that county and state, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving under Washington. He spent his life in the Old Dominion, and in that state William Lemon grew to manhood and married Harriet Pitzer, a daughter of Roger Pitzer, also a native of Virginia, and a soldier under Washington in the patriot army. To William Lemon and wife eight children were born. In a very early day they made the long overland journey with two wagons and teams from their native state

to Indiana, in 1832, when the country was a veritable wilderness. They located in Johnson county where they spent the winter and in the spring of 1833 they moved to Boone county where they began life in typical pioneer fashion and established a home by dint of hard toil. Only two of their children were born in Virginia and came with them to the Hoosier state; they were Mrs. Elvira Irwin, still living near Ontario, Wisconsin; Mr. Andrew Lemon, a physician, now deceased. Those born after they came to this state were Mary Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Mrs. Sarah Shaw, deceased; William N., of this review; Mrs. Emaline Turner, deceased; Mrs. Adelaide Threewits is deceased; John Wesley, deceased. The father of these children was a robust man physically and a successful farmer, owning two hundred and forty acres of good land in Boone county, and was a large stock raiser and prominent man in his day in that locality. He built a substantial residence on his place in 1857. His death occurred at the age of seventy-eight years, his widow having died nine years before at the age of sixty-four.

William N. Lemon, of this sketch, grew to manhood on the home farm, and helped with the work when a boy. He received the usual education of those early day schools. In 1860 he married Mary Bender, a native of Butler county, Ohio, and a daughter of Peter and Mary Bender. Her father lived to be ninety-three years old and her mother eighty-six years old.

Our subject lives on the old homestead which consists of one hundred and thirty-four acres, which he has kept in splendid improvements and under a high state of cultivation and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock man. He now occupies the old colonial style home built by his father.

To our subject and wife nine children have been born, two of whom died in childhood; they were named Elizabeth and Clementine. Those who grew up were: John B., of Eagle township; William E. lives in Cascade, Montana; Jesse F. lives in Eagle township; James R. also lives in this township; Mary H. is the wife of Milton Wiesehan, of Zionsville, Indiana; Charles W. is telegraph operator in Cascade, Montana; Helen N. is keeping house for her father. The mother of the above named children departed from this life September 23, 1912 at the age of seventy-five years. She was a kind mother, a faithful helpmeet and an exceptionally good Christian. She was a very efficient member of the Womans Christian Temperance Union and the Methodist church.

Politically, Mr. Lemon is a Republican. He is well known and highly respected throughout the county, and has made a success in life through his individual efforts.

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### IRVIN T. HUCKELBERRY.

Many years have elapsed since Irvin T. Huckelberry, well-known and highly respected citizen of Eagle township, took up his residence in Boone county, and it is due entirely to his assiduous efforts and undaunted ambition that he has here gained such signal success, having begun life under none too favorable auspices. He is one of our honored veterans of the great army that saved the nation a half century ago, and this is one of the numerous reasons that we are glad to give him special mention herein.

Mr. Huckelberry was born September 4, 1844, in Clark county. He is a son of Nathaniel Huckelberry, a native of Clark county, Indiana, who was a son of Jacob Huckelberry. This is an old Virginia family of German ancestry. The mother of our subject was Elizabeth Ramsey before her marriage, and she was a native of Tennessee, and a daughter of Joshua Ramsey, also a native of that state. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving under Washington. The parents of our subject came to Indiana in 1820, and located on a farm. The father died at the age of sixty-one years in Boone county, where he came in 1861. The death of the mother occurred in 1849. Only two children were born to them, Irvin T., of this sketch, and F. M., of Olney, Illinois, who was a soldier in the Union army, serving in the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Politically, the father was a Republican and he belonged to the Methodist church.

Our subject was only six years old when his mother died. He was reared on the farm and received the usual education of those early days. Although but a boy when the great war between the states began he proved his courage and bravery by enlisting on August 11, 1861 in Company H, Twenty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he served most gallantly in numerous campaigns in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, taking part in many battles and skirmishes, and was honorably discharged September 24, 1865, after which he returned home and engaged in

farming. On February 10, 1870, he married Margaret A. Byers, a native of Rush county, Indiana, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of William Byers, a native of Virginia, where the family had long resided. Four children have been born to our subject and wife, three of whom died in infancy, Myrtle, Eva May and Nancy P.; Imo G. is the wife of James O. Lutz, a well-known farmer near Zionsville.

Politically, Mr. Huckelberry is a Republican, and he and his family are members of the Baptist church. The wife of our subject died January 19, 1911 at the age of sixty-four years. She was a woman of beautiful Christian character and was a faithful helpmate, was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Huckelberry is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Boone Post No. 202 at Zionsville, in which he has long been active and influential. Their splendid hall was built in 1861. Our subject has held various offices in the local post. He came to Boone county in 1861, where he has since resided and has made a pronounced success as a general farmer.

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#### SAMUEL BERKLEY LANE.

There are many reasons why we should be as careful to conserve and put vegetable matter in the soil, looking to its fertility, if we be farmers. Soil consists simply of pulverized rocks, which contain the mineral matter that plants call for in their growth, and decayed vegetable matter. One is needed practically as much as the other. The vegetable material is needed to lighten up the particles of soil so they will not pack and shut out sun and air, which all plant growth requires as much as moisture and plant-food. Without vegetable matter in our soils they get hard in dry times and sodden in wet seasons. Something must separate these soil particles. This can be done by proper cultivation, and yet, only in an imperfect manner. One of the progressive farmers of Eagle township, Boone county who understands this and other problems of the modern phases of agriculture is Samuel Berkley Lane, a representative of one of our old pioneer families. He was born on the old Lane homestead where he now lives, two and one-half miles north of Zionsville, March 1, 1842. He is a son of William E. Lane, who was born in Nelson county, Kentucky, July 7, 1807, and was a son of Thomas

Lane who was born in Highlands of Scotland, of noble ancestors, who were prominent in the early wars of Scotland. He emigrated to the United States in an early day and served seven years in the Revolutionary war under Washington. In one battle he was severely wounded on the body and arm by a sword thrust. He lived in Pennsylvania. He married Anna Ellis who was born in Scotland. William E. Lane was reared in Kentucky and there he married Elizabeth Simpson, a daughter of Thomas Simpson. She was a cousin of Gen. U. S. Grant, whose mother was a Simpson. Thomas Simpson was a Scotchman and also served seven years in the Revolutionary war, in which he too, was wounded. He later came to Kentucky among its first settlers. William E. Lane was a great hunter in his earlier years. His family consisted of the following children: Abigail died in early life; Sarah A., was born May 22, 1832; Thomas Hayden was born May 26, 1833 and died in Emporia, Kansas, April 1, 1895; Liebding was born January 20, 1835, and died January 12, 1857; Malinda Ellen was born March 3, 1836 and died December 19, 1912; Milton was born August 14, 1837 and died September 16, 1889 in Lincoln, Nebraska; William C. was born May 25, 1839 and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska; John W. was born February 4, 1841 and died in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 10, 1907; Isaac N. was born March 1, 1842 and died June 13, 1913, on the home farm. He was an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal church for forty years. Nelson J. Lane was born May 25, 1839 and died April 27, 1851; Samuel B. was born March 1, 1842, and is the twin brother of Isaac N. The father of our subject died at the advanced age of eighty-four years in 1892. The death of the mother occurred March 28, 1879.

Samuel B. Lane grew up on the home farm and he received his education in the public schools. He taught school for a period of twenty years with much satisfaction to all concerned. When the Civil war came on he enlisted in 1862 in Company I, Forty-second Infantry and served faithfully in Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia and was with Sherman on his march to the sea, from Atlanta to Savannah, thence north into the Carolinas. He has been engaged in farming since 1876, and has lived on the home place since 1866, which he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has made a success as a general farmer and stock raiser. The place consists of one hundred and thirty-one acres, and is one of the desirable farms

of the township. He has kept the buildings in good repair and everything denotes good management and thrift.

Politically, Mr. Lane is a Republican, and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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### CHARLES A. TAYLOR.

The farmer is so accustomed to having advice handed him on a silver platter that to presume to speak in his own behalf does violence to custom and perhaps borders on impudence hardly tolerated in the society of industry, but he is nevertheless a potent factor in agriculture, and his viewpoint, right or wrong, must be reckoned with by those who deal with the subject. Dame Nature is a fickle goddess, and men sometimes play false and lose with her, but the farmer knows that prosperity will never sit idly beside him. It will come only as a result of intelligent toil and the application of sound business methods. The city man, as a rule, does not understand the farmer, and neither does he fully comprehend his problems. This is often true of state and national law makers as well. It is quite a luxury to think that one is right and very human, but error is always expensive to those who bear the burden, and in this case it is the farmer—for those who scheme seldom plow.

One of the intelligent and successful farmers of Boone county is Charles A. Taylor, who owns a good farm in Center township. He was born October 30, 1853, in Sugar Creek township, Boone county. He is a son of Oliver and Malinda (Utter) Taylor. The father was born in Union county, Indiana, and he devoted his life to farming, dying in time of the Civil war. The mother of our subject was born in Tennessee, from which state she came to Indiana when a girl, and she has now been deceased many years.

Eight children were born to Oliver Taylor and wife, four of whom are deceased. Those living are Charles A., of this sketch; Warner, Henry and Ammesy.

Charles A. Taylor grew to manhood on the farm and he received a common school education in Sugar Creek township, later attending the Thorntown Academy. Early in his youth he took up farming for a life work and has followed the same to the present time. He has made his home

in Center township for about thirty-two years and is well known here. He owns one hundred acres of productive and well-improved land on which stand good outbuildings and a comfortable home which he built himself. He keeps a good grade of live stock and is very well situated in every respect. Politically, he is a Democrat but has never been active in public affairs.

Mr. Taylor was married April 17, 1878, to Maggie Kern, who was born in Boone county in 1858, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated in the common schools. She is a daughter of Arthur and Amanda (Beck) Kern. The father was born in Kentucky and he came to Indiana when a young man and devoted his life to farming. The mother of Mrs. Taylor was born in Union county, this state. Five children were born to Mr and Mrs. Kern, namely: Oscar, James, Emanuel, William and Maggie, wife of our subject.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor seven children were born, all still living, namely: Lee lives in Lebanon; Mabel married a Mr. Beck and they live on a farm; Guy, a civil engineer, is in the employ of the United States government, lives in California; Oland is farming near Phoenix, Arizona; Orville is at home; Helen is attending high school; and Lawrence is also a high school pupil.

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#### WILLARD O. WYANT.

The science of veterinary surgery has an able exponent in Boone county in the person of Willard O. Wyant, of Lebanon, who, although yet a mere youth, has proven himself quite capable of practicing his chosen profession successfully and he gives promise of taking a place in the front ranks of his professional brethren in Indiana in due course of time. This locality is one of the best for veterinaries in view of the fact that there are so many stock men, who are handling high-grade live stock of all kinds and owing to their great value they cannot afford to take chances on losing an animal by disease or accident when by the services of a man like Doctor Wyant such loss may be prevented.

Doctor Wyant was born in Thorntown, Indiana, January 21, 1890. He is a son of Robert M. and May (Waggoner) Wyant. He grew to manhood in his native community and received a good common school education, and

when a boy decided to take up the work of a veterinary, for he always manifested a decided liking for horses and was a good judge of all kinds of livestock, also possessed by nature other necessary qualifications for a successful practitioner in this field. So he began studying veterinary medicine with Doctors Nelson & Airhart, of Lebanon, before finishing his public school course. He made rapid progress and in order to complete his course he entered the Indiana Veterinary College at Indianapolis, where he made a splendid record and from which he was graduated April 13, 1913. Soon thereafter he opened an office in Lebanon, forming a partnership with Dr. J. O. Airhart, and has built up a very satisfactory and rapidly-growing business and has been successful from the start. He has remained unmarried. Politically, he is independent, and in religious matters belongs to the Christian church.

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#### JAMES HENRY KERSEY.

Recurrence to the past, with reflections and associations which make it appear in life-like review before our mental vision, will continue as of old to be a source of much satisfaction; but especially when our personality and former friends, happily interwoven in some pleasing incident, will the picture thus reflected be more pleasing. These reminders, however, often vanish and pass away with the life of the participants when no landmarks remain to serve as a background for the picture engraved on the tablets of memory, the impressions of which are but remodelings of others. To preserve these from oblivion before they have lost their distinguishing originality is the work devolving upon the writer of biography and local history. These both fail in their mission when they fail to preserve the life features connected with their trust. Biography, more than anything else, commands the most interested attention for the reason that it is a record of those who, in times gone by, traveled the thorny pathway of life as companions, acquaintances, friends and relatives. To preserve from forgetfulness the simple story of their experiences and record their acts, however uneventful, is a task attended with much pleasure and fraught with great good to humanity. Especially is this the case when the subject, like that of the well remembered and highly honored citizen whose name forms the caption of this article, has led a use-





TELITHA J. KERSEY



J. H. KERSEY



JACOB KERN AND DAUGHTERS



ful, honorable and successful life and has been of distinct benefit to his community in all the relations with the world.

James Henry Kersey, who was a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of Boone county, was born in Center township, this county, in December, 1840. He was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hinton) Kersey, natives of Kentucky, where they grew up and were married, and from there they emigrated to Boone county soon after their marriage, entering land from the government and spending the rest of their lives engaged in general farming in Center township. Their family consisted of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, our subject having been the ninth in order of birth.

James H. Kersey grew to manhood on the home farm where he worked hard when a boy helping clear and develop the land, for the children of pioneers all had plenty to do back in the forties and fifties, and he received his education in the district schools. He remained with his parents until in 1864 when he enlisted in the Union army, Company G, Sixteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served faithfully until the close of the war. After being honorably discharged he returned to Boone county, and on September 15, 1865 married Telitha J. Kern, who was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, and is a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Feely) Kern, also natives of Lawrence county, where they grew up, were educated and married and there Mr. Kern became an extensive land owner. There Mrs. Kersey grew to womanhood and was educated. After his marriage Mr. Kersey lived with his wife's parents one year, then Mr. Kern gave Mrs. Kersey an eighty acre farm in Center township, Boone county, on which Mr. Kern built a house for his son-in-law and wife, and here our subject began farming, but owing to failing health could not do a great deal of active work, however, he proved to be a good manager and prospered. His constitution had been weakened by his service in the army and he never recovered, and his death occurred November 4, 1899. Mrs. Kersey remained on the farm until 1902 when she moved to Lebanon. She took care of her parents the rest of their lives, Mr. Kern dying August 30, 1908, and Mrs. Kern April 12, 1905. Mrs. Kersey owns a fine residence, neatly furnished, in Lebanon, also one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Center township, all of which came to her from her father and mother.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kersey the following children were born: Margaret  
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Ellen who died when eleven years of age; Estella M. died when twenty-five years of age; John Jacob oversees the home farm. Mrs. Kersey is a faithful member of the First Christian church at Browns Wonder. Politically, Mr. Kersey was a Republican, and fraternally was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Jacob Kern, mentioned above, was a great hunter, and each autumn he traveled in the west with Colie Brown, a hardware merchant of Lebanon. Mrs. Kersey has a fine elk's head mounted that is a valuable trophy. He was a successful business man and well-liked by all who knew him. It was in 1852 that Mr. and Mrs. Kern came to Boone county and established their home in Center township, and here he experienced the usual hardships in clearing and developing his land, but he was made of sterling mettle and persevered until he made a fortune which he left to his widow and our subject. He retired from active farming in 1898 and moved to Lebanon where he spent the rest of his days.

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#### JAMES E. HOLLER.

There has sprung up within the past few years, to meet the modern demand, a new department in agricultural knowledge, known as "farm management." The agricultural college and experiment stations have recognized the need of more knowledge of farming from a business standpoint, and have established departments of farm management not alone for the purpose of helping the farmers, but also for the purpose of studying, investigating and collecting facts relative to the business of farming. Taking the farm as a whole the expert in farm management makes a thorough study of all the operations of the farm, including the farm life in its best and broadest sense, and with this knowledge seeks to improve the methods for the purpose of increasing the desired results. One of the successful farmers of Eagle township, Boone county who has sought to increase his annual income by properly applying advanced methods, gathered from diverse sources to his fine farm known as the Berry Hill Fruit and Dairy Farm, three miles northwest of Zionsville is James E. Holler, a man who has used judicious judgment in not clinging to old methods too long nor adopting new ones too soon. He is one

of the best informed horticulturists in the county and also understands every phase of dairying.

Mr. Holler was born in Catawba county, North Carolina, May 7, 1847, and he is a son of Andrew Holler, also a native of that state, and was of German ancestry. He grew up in the old Tar state and there married Lovina Miller, also a native of that state, each representing old families, and to these parents ten children were born, eight sons and two daughters; four of the sons were soldiers in the Confederate army, in which the father also fought; those four sons were, Adley, of the Twenty-eighth North Carolina Volunteers, is now living at Rock Hill, South Carolina; Gilbert, of the Twenty-third North Carolina Volunteers, died some six years ago; Lemuel, of the Twenty-eight North Carolina Volunteers, lives at Rock Hill, South Carolina; James E., who was only seventeen years old when he enlisted in the Twenty-third North Carolina Volunteers. The other children were Daniel, who lives in North Carolina; Marcus is deceased; Wilson is deceased; Hinkle is deceased; Catherine E. lives in North Carolina, and Mary M., deceased. The mother of the above named children died at the age of seventy-three years, and the father reached the age of eighty-one years.

James E. Holler was reared on the home farm and educated in the early-day rural schools. He came to Boone county, Indiana in 1868, where he has since resided and has engaged in farming. He was married in 1878 to Ella Brock, a native of Boone county, and a daughter of Pryor and Emeline Brock, both long since deceased. Mrs. Ella Holler's death occurred at the age of forty-seven years, leaving one daughter, Sylvia.

For his second wife Mr. Holler married Alma Beck, a daughter of Larkin Beck, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work, he having lived on Berry Hill farm for years, eventually selling the same to our subject. Mrs. Holler was born in this locality and here she grew to womanhood and was educated in the public schools. Mr. Beck is living at the advanced age of eighty-five years, his wife having passed away some years ago when seventy-five years old.

Berry Hill farm consists of forty acres of valuable and productive land, on which stand a good eight-room house and substantial outbuildings. The surroundings are attractive. A large apple orchard is to be found on the place also small berries, in fact, fruits of all kinds common to this latitude. Mr. Holler also keeps a splendid herd of Jersey cows, and runs a small dairy,

making a fine brand of butter and he finds a very ready market for whatever he offers for sale from his dairy or orchard and garden.

Politically, he is a Progressive and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### SCOTT TAYLOR SUMPTER.

There is no positive rule for achieving success, and, yet in the life of the successful man, there are always lessons which might well be followed. The man who gains prosperity is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that come in his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differing but slightly, and when one man passes another on the highway of life to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started out in life before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race. Today among the progressive and prominent agriculturists and successful self-made men of Jefferson township, Boone county, is Scott Taylor Sumpter. The qualities of keen discernment, sound judgment and executive ability enter very largely into his makeup and have been contributing elements to the material success which has come to him.

Mr. Sumpter was born in Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana, February 11, 1849, at the close of the Mexican war period and he was named for the two great generals, Scott and Taylor. He is a son of Edward D. and Maria (Flury) Sumpter. The father was a native of Virginia, born April 23, 1799, and his death occurred in Vernon, Indiana, in 1861. The mother was born in Pennsylvania, October 20, 1812. The former was of Scotch descent and the latter was of German ancestry. The death of the mother occurred January 5, 1859, when only forty-six years of age. Her parents were early settlers in Pennsylvania. The Sumpter progenitors were famous military men.

The parents of the subject of this sketch were married in Pennsylvania, January 5, 1834, and soon thereafter they came to Jennings county, Indiana. Edward D. Sumpter was a butcher and carpenter by trade, and he kept a tavern at Vernon before the state road was established, he being one of the very earliest settlers in that locality, and there at Vernon he and his wife

spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of the following children: James Henry, born in Medina, Ohio, February 28, 1835, died in Weightsville, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1838; Eliza Ann, born June 1, 1839, died April 1, 1842; Maria Louisa, born November 19, 1842, lives in Austin, Texas; John Clay, November 24, 1845, died August 16, 1852; Scott T., of this sketch; Mary Ellen, born July 5, 1851, is deceased; Jacob Dazol, born March 26, 1854, is in the west.

Scott T. Sumpter was left an orphan at the age of seven years, and went to live with Isaac Sterns, with whom he remained until he was sixteen years of age, when he started out for himself by cutting wood at one dollar per cord. He had little opportunity to obtain an education, but in later life has become a well-informed man through wide home reading and contact with the world. When about nineteen years old he hired out at farm work, which he followed until he was twenty-five years old, at which time he was married, then he rented land for two years in Boone county. The date of his marriage was January 26, 1873, and his wife who was known in her maidenhood as Mary Isabell Hurt, was a native of Boone county, born October 11, 1854. She was a daughter of Larkin H. and Margaret (Sandlin) Hurt. Mr. Hurt was born May 25, 1829, in Virginia, from which state he moved to Indiana in the fall of 1830, locating in Jackson township, Boone county. He was married to Margaret Sandlin, November 22, 1850, who was born October 21, 1821. To them eight children were born, namely: Elizabeth died in infancy; Martha A., born November 2, 1852, married George O. Roberts, and they live in Jamestown; Mary Isabell, wife of Mr. Sumpter; Sarah Ann, born December 24, 1856, married Charles W. Hurt and they live in Hamilton county, Indiana; John, born July 23, 1858, died when four years old; James David, born April 9, 1860, married Emma Peffly, born in this township, now lives in Indianapolis; William M., born May 18, 1863, married Carrie Randle, a native of Putnam county, and she is now deceased; Lewis F., born February 18, 1865, married Jennie Pierce, is a prominent business man of Indianapolis, a wholesale and retail furniture dealer.

In 1875, Scott T. Sumpter bought eighty acres in Jackson township, all cleared, and on it stood a log house. He remained here four years, then sold out and bought sixty acres farther north, and lived there about two years when he sold out and went to Putnam county, buying one hundred and sixty acres. He remained there four years, then returned to Jackson

township and bought sixty acres, which he improved and on which he built a good house. He lived here until 1893, when he bought one hundred seventy-five and one-half acres in Jefferson township, this being improved land, and on which stood a fairly good set of buildings. In 1906 he built a fine large residence in the midst of beautiful surroundings, a large grove of timber standing in front. He and his wife lived retired in Lebanon about three years, buying property there, but later returned to the farm where he is still living, but is practically retired, his son doing the actual work on the place. The former was for many years one of our most successful farmers and a large stock feeder, mostly cattle and hogs, and his son is following in his footsteps as a feeder. Although having many discouraging situations to overcome, our subject has been very successful in a financial way and is deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished, starting from an humble beginning and mounting the ladder of success unaided.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sumpter four sons have been born, named as follows: Larkin Bunnell, born November 3, 1877, is farming, married Rosa Miller, in February, 1890, and they have one child, Dee, who is now fourteen years old; Billy Taylor, born August 17, 1880, lives in Houston, Texas; Harry Finis, born August 15, 1882, is farming, married Hazel Brown, a daughter of Caleb Brown, and they have three children, Margaret, Paul and Isabell; Leo Clay, born July 26, 1889, is operating his father's farm, married Pansy Taylor, a native of Boone county, and a daughter of Charles Taylor, a prominent citizen of Washington township; to Leo C. Sumpter and wife four children have been born, Mary Elizabeth, Dena Ermina, Leo, Jr., and Icie Dorice.

Politically, Scott T. Sumpter is a Republican, however, votes independently in local affairs. He has never sought or cared for office, preferring to devote his time to his home and farm. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church at Advance, and he is a trustee of the same. Mrs. Sumpter is a leading worker in the Ladies' Auxiliary Society. Fraternally, our subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 759, at Max, Indiana, and he and his wife belong to the Ruth Rebekas, Lodge No. 2, at Lebanon. He was instrumental in organizing the Co-operative Telephone Company, of Hazelrigg, also the local Co-operative Insurance Company.

## ROBERT S. STALL.

Few can draw rules for their own guidance from the pages of Plutarch, but all are benefited by the delineation of those traits of character which find scope and exercise in the common walks of life. The unostentatious routine of private life, although in the aggregate more important to the welfare of the community than any meteoric public career, cannot, from its very nature, figure in the public annals, though each locality's history should contain the names of those individuals who contribute to the success of the material affairs of a community and to its public stability; men who lead wholesome and exemplary lives which might be profitably studied by the oncoming generation. In such a class must consistently appear the name of Robert S. Stall, well-known grain dealer of Thorntown, Boone county, a public-spirited business man who leads a plain, industrious life, endeavoring to deal honestly with his fellow men and contribute somewhat to the general public good in an unobtrusive manner.

Mr. Stall was born February 21, 1857 in Clinton county, Indiana. He is a son of Arthur S. and Elizabeth (Ham) Stall. The father was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1818 and there he spent his childhood, coming to Clinton county, Indiana, when a young man. He received a practical education, and after locating in the land of Hoosiers he turned his attention to merchandising, where he remained until 1865 when he removed to Thorntown, Boone county, and here spent the rest of his life, dying in September, 1888. His wife was a native of Baltimore, Maryland; they were married in Clinton county and her death occurred only a short time after that of her husband. To these parents five children were born, four of whom are still living, namely: Maria is deceased; Robert S., of this sketch; Nathaniel B., Harry and Carrie, the two latter twins, are all living.

Robert S. Stall was reared in Thorntown and received his education in the public schools, and here he began life for himself in the grocery business, in which he remained with most satisfactory results in a financial way for a period of about sixteen years, in partnership with his father. From 1888 until 1897 he engaged in the grain business here, enjoying an extensive trade. He was alone, and he built a substantial elevator, which he sold to the Thorntown Grain Company, and, having accumulated a competency prepared to retire from active business, however he soon thereafter bought an interest in

another elevator and operated the same for two years under the firm name of Stall & McCorkle, and they have built up an extensive and lucrative business. In connection with the elevator, they operate a mill and handle grains, seeds, flour, feed and coal. Prompt, honest and high grade service has ever been Mr. Stall's aim in business, and he has therefore always enjoyed the confidence and good will of all concerned. He owns an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Jefferson township, all tillable, and under a high state of improvement and cultivation. He also owns a fine home in Thorntown, and is a stockholder in both banks in his home town.

Politically, Mr. Stall is a Republican, but has never desired to be a politician, however, readily aids any movement looking toward the general improvement of his community. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Stall was married November 18, 1879, to Susie Davenport. She was born in Boone county, January 7, 1859, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated. She is a daughter of William T. Davenport, a highly esteemed citizen of this locality.

The union of our subject and wife has resulted in the birth of two children, Arthur, born November 2, 1880, died in 1910; Harold, born November 11, 1887, died also in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Stall are leaders in the affairs of their community and have a wide circle of friends.

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#### NEWTON CARTER.

The principal thing which humanity everywhere is seeking is happiness. The happiness we wish may come from causes over which we have no control and from other causes which may be determined by ourselves. Broadly speaking, the farmer is in a position to be the happiest man in the world, at least, most farmers are in position to be happy, and if they are not the fault very often lies within themselves. The causes of happiness over which we have no control may be a favorable cropping season, a freedom from disaster or calamity, or any combination of favorable circumstances which minister to our temporal or physical well-being; these are all evidences of Divine favor, the origin of which should not escape notice. The happiness which is deter-

mined by ourselves comes as a by-product of our generous treatment of others. One cannot become happy by simply determining to be so; he must do something for others. The happiness we give others will come back to our own lives as one of our choicest possessions. Financial prosperity, like happiness, may spring from a combination of favorable circumstances over which we have no control, or it may come from our own wisely directed endeavor. The mere possession of wealth may not bring happiness, but the right use of wealth almost invariably does. One of the successful farmers of Boone county, who has lived along those lines which bring contentment as well as material blessings is Newton Carter, proprietor of Blue Grass Ridge Farm, in Eagle township.

Mr. Carter was born October 15, 1854 in Eagle township, Boone county. He is a son of Richard Carter, a native of Kentucky, in which state the family settled early. His father, Henry Carter, was a native of Virginia, where the family lived in the olden days, and its members fought in our early wars. The Carter family located in Hendricks county, Indiana in 1836, locating in the dense forest, and here established a comfortable home by their industry. Richard Carter was young when he came to this locality and here he grew up, helped clear the land and here he married Catherine Vorhis, when he was twenty-three years old, and to them the following children were born, namely: Eliza Jane is deceased; Allen was a soldier in the Civil war, in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he was held for some time a prisoner in the South; Sarah married a Mr. Gregg and lives in Zionsville; Martha married William Shaw and lives in Eagle township; Newton of this sketch; Arthur died when forty-five years old, leaving a widow; one child died in infancy, unnamed. The death of the father of the above named children occurred at the age of seventy-one years, after an industrious and upright life as a successful farmer.

Newton Carter grew to manhood on the home farm and there he worked hard when a boy. He received his education in the district schools, and on February 16, 1882 he married Juda Alice Beck, a daughter of Larkin Beck, who was born in Union county, Indiana, April 11, 1829, and was a son of John Beck, a native of North Carolina, who was a son of Solomon Beck, a native of Germany. To Larkin and Sarah Beck were born the following children: Mrs. Margaret A. Bender, Joseph, John, Oliver, Alice who mar-

ried our subject; Mrs. Alma Holler, and Horace. The mother of Mrs. Carter passed away in 1901. Mr. Beck is living near Zionsville.

Mr. Carter has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising and has met with pronounced success all along the line. His finely improved and well-kept farm in Eagle township consists of two hundred and forty acres, on which is to be seen an excellent group of buildings and a splendid grade of live stock, and everything about the place denotes thrift and good management. One child was born to our subject and wife which died in infancy. Mr. Carter has always been a Republican but is now a Progressive.

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#### DANIEL KOHN.

By words and by actions the personality reveals its quality, its force, its direction of purpose. The invisible spirit embodies itself in signs of service and in language. Words also are deeds, and actions are symbols of the inner being which we cannot see, nor touch, nor weigh. Hence the value of biography and memorial history, which writes out a life by telling a story of what one has said and done. But since speech is forgotten and actions fade away in the clouds of a distant past, we also listen to those who have been witnesses to the conduct, companions of the journey, sharers of the benefits and benedictions of those whom we have lost a little while, to find again. With such values of biography in mind, we here set forth the salient facts in the life record of one of the well-known and estimable citizens of Washington township, Boone county, of a past generation, the late Daniel Kohn, than whom it would have been hard to have found a more industrious neighborly and peaceable citizen. Although a native of Germany, he was nevertheless loyal in his support of our institutions as might be surmised from one fact alone, that he served in the Union army during our great Civil war, and during his residence in Boone county of more than a half century, he assisted as well as he could in the general development of the same along all lines. No people that go to make up our cosmopolitan civilization have better habits of life than those who come originally from the great German Empire. Those people as well as their descendants are distinguished for their thrift and honesty, and these two qualities in the inhabitants of any

country will in the end make that country great. When with these two qualities is coupled the other attribute of sound sense, which all the Teutonic race seems to possess, there are afforded such qualities as will enrich any land and place it at the top of the countries of the world in the scale of elevated humanity.

Mr. Kohn was born in Heese Cassel, Germany, January 21, 1838, and there he grew to manhood and was educated and remained in the Fatherland until he was twenty-one years of age, when he emigrated to America, and lived in the state of Connecticut for a short time then came to Indiana and located in Franklin county where he resided nine years then came to Boone county locating on a farm in Washington township, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a hard working man and had sound judgment, and he soon had a foothold in the new world. His farm in this township consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, which he brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation and ranked among the leading farmers of the township. He established a comfortable home and had erected numerous substantial outbuildings, and there was always to be seen about the place an excellent grade of live stock. He was always busy and his farm was in the best of condition.

Mr. Kohn was married September 22, 1864, in Franklin county, Indiana, to Eliza Jane Liming, who was born in that county in 1842, and there grew to womanhood and received her education in the common schools. There her father died, when she was a young girl, but her mother survived to a very old age, dying March 27, 1909.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kohn two children were born, namely: Emma Katherine, who married Jefferson Harris, lives near Wilmington, Ohio. Our subject's other child, Ida May, married Martin Thompson and they reside on the home farm near Lebanon, this county. Mr. Kohn is also survived by a brother, Henry Kohn, who lives near Weathersfield, Connecticut, and a sister lives in Germany.

Mr. Kohn was a Democrat in politics, and he belonged to the Lutheran church, which he joined before leaving Germany, when a child. Mrs. Kohn is a member of the Presbyterian church of Hazelrigg, Boone county.

The death of Daniel Kohn occurred February 7, 1914, when a little over seventy-six years of age.

## JOHN S. HUSSEY.

Among the men of sterling attributes of character who have impressed their personality upon the community of their residence and have borne their full share in the upbuilding and development of Zionsville and Boone county, mention must not be omitted of John S. Hussey, well known merchant of the above named town, where he has long maintained his home and where he has exerted a strong influence for good to the entire community, being a man of upright principles, industrious in business affairs and public matters, always desirous of seeing the advancement of the town and county along material, civic and moral lines.

Mr. Hussey was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, August 14, 1867. He is a son of William Hussey, a native of Fayette county, Indiana, the latter the son of Joseph Hussey who was born in North Carolina, and who was one of the first settlers of Fayette county. He was of English descent. The grandmother of our subject was Sarah Frazier before her marriage. She was a native of Fayette county and her death occurred in Hamilton county. Her family consisted of ten children.

William Hussey grew to manhood in Hamilton county and there received his education. When twenty-one years old he married Hannah A. Jessep, a native of Hamilton county, and a daughter of John C. Jessep. To these parents, seven children were born, namely: Nancy E., John S., Fannie M., Melinda H., Oliver, Jesse G. and Frank. All seven children are still living. The father of the above named children died at the age of fifty-nine years. The mother died at the age of sixty-three years.

John S. Hussey received his education in the public schools of Hamilton county. He began teaching at the age of twenty. He taught two years, then attended school at Butler College for one year, then resumed teaching and became superintendent of the school at Carmel, Indiana, where he remained for six years. He then attended the Indiana State Normal School, graduating from that institution in 1898. Then became superintendent of schools at Atlanta, Indiana, where he remained two years. He then entered business, embarking in the hardware business at Zionsville, Indiana, in partnership with his uncle, Milton Hussey, in 1900. He has been successful in business and is at present a member of the Executive Committee of the Indiana Retail Hardware Association.

In 1904, John S. Hussey married Miss Sue M. Aldrich, of Ludington, Michigan. Mrs. Hussey is a graduate of Michigan State Normal School and was a successful teacher in some of the leading high schools of Michigan and Indiana. Two sons, William Alvin and John Milton, grace their home..

The subject of this sketch is a member of the "Disciples" Christian church, in which he has been an elder for many years. He is a director in the Indiana Christian Missionary Association and has been the superintendent of the Sunday school of his church for fourteen years. He has also been the president of the Boone County Sunday School Association for two years. Since 1906, John S. Hussey has been the president of Zion Park Association. this organization has been an important factor in the musical, educational and religious life of the community. The Zion Park Association has held twenty-two annual chautauquas, bringing to Zionsville the best talent in the country. He is a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias fraternities, also of the Eastern Star and Pythian Sisters.

John S. Hussey will be remembered as a public servant. During the past twenty-five years, he has been called on numerous times to have charge of funerals and has officiated at weddings and in every way has fulfilled his relations to the community.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY WILSON.

Human life is made up of two elements, power and form, and the proportion must be invariably kept if we would have it sweet and sound. Each of these elements in excess makes a mischief as hurtful as would be its deficiency. Everything turns to excess; every good quality is noxious if unmixed, and to carry the danger to the edge of ruin nature causes each man's peculiarity to superabound. One speaking from the standpoint of a farmer would adduce the learned professions as example of this treachery. They are nature's victims of expression. You study the artist, the orator, statesman and inventor to find their lives no more excellent than that of mechanics or farmers. While the farmer stands at the head of art as found in nature, the others get but glimpses of the delights of nature in its various elements and moods. William Henry Wilson, one of our most progressive twentieth century agriculturists and stock men and one of the Progressive

party's most active and loyal workers in this section of Indiana, is one of Boone county's citizens who has ever taken a delight in nature and existence, because he has been in touch with the springs of life, having spent his days on the farm.

Mr. Wilson was born in Champaign county, Illinois, July 5, 1859, and is a son of George M. and Lucinda (Lee) Wilson, both born in Ohio in which state they grew to maturity, received their education in the common schools and there married, and from that state came to Indiana, in 1847, remaining here until 1849, and in the latter year removed to Illinois, where they resided for over ten years, then returned to Indiana and established the permanent home of the family in Boone county.

William Henry Wilson grew to manhood on the farm, his father having devoted his life to farming, and assisted with the general work when a boy and received his education in the public schools, and has later become a well informed man on general topics by wide reading and observation. When a young man he took up farming as his life work and has been very successful and is now owner of a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township, Boone county, having located here in 1890. At that time this was considered one of the poorest farms in this section, but it ranks today among the best, showing what close application in the way of intelligent and scientific farming can do if applied by such a man as Mr. Wilson. He has a pleasant residence and good outbuildings, a splendid grade of live stock of all kinds, and such modern farming implements as his needs require. He sees that none of his neighbors raise better corn, wheat, oats and clover than he, and his example is followed by the more enterprising and successful of our husbandmen.

Mr. Wilson was married in 1890 to Lura B. Norris, who was born in 1860 and is a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Durbin) Norris, a highly respected family. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Norris, namely, our subject's wife and Charles, of Indianapolis. Mrs. Wilson grew to womanhood in her native community and received a good common school education.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson three sons and one daughter have been born, namely: Maggie married C. C. Gray; Harry; Frederic Lee; and Theodore Carl. The three sons are at home, assisting their father with the farm work.

Politically, Mr. Wilson is a Progressive and is enthusiastic in the work of the new party. In the campaign of 1912 he was candidate on this ticket for representative from Boone county to the state legislature and though defeated, had a large vote. He served for a period of twelve years as a justice of the peace in Washington township and none of his decisions were reversed. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in both of which he has filled all the chairs; the Improved Order of Red Men, the Woodmen of the World at Walnut Grove, and the Hay Makers at Mechanicsburg, and is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is one of the well known and prominent men of the county and is popular with the masses as a result of his public spirit, courtesy and exemplary character.

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#### GEORGE M. COMLEY.

George M. Comley was born July 10, 1863, in Madison, Jefferson county, Indiana. He is the son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Steele) Comley who were natives of Pennsylvania and early residents of Madison, Indiana. The family consisted of nine children, four of whom, Joshua, William M., Charles and Edward are deceased; John, James, George M., Mrs. Alice Leisure and Mrs. Lizzie Call are living.

After the father's death, the family moved to Frankfort, Indiana. At the early age of fourteen, George M. worked for his brother James, who was in the undertaking business in Frankfort, Indiana. Afterwards he worked for an undertaking firm in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

In 1892, he came to Lebanon as embalmer for the Hauser & Hogshire firm. Later he was identified with the firm of George M. Comley & Brother. In 1904, he went into business for himself. He has built up a large and lucrative business by prompt and efficient service, fair and honest treatment. His undertaking establishment is modern and well equipped in every respect.

On December 29, 1892, Mr. Comley was married to Lillian M. Rosenrance, who was born in Port Jervis, New York. Before her marriage, Mrs. Comley was a successful school teacher for a number of years. They have two sons, Roy Clifton, at present a student in Swarthmore College, and B. Searle, a student in the Lebanon high school.

Politically, Mr. Comley is a Republican. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Modern Woodmen, Woodmen of the World, and Independent Order of Red Men. He is also a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner. Mr. Comley is the oldest undertaker in Boone county and probably one of the best known in this section of the state.

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#### NELSON JACKSON PARR.

Those who have no personal knowledge of agriculture appear to judge the farmer by the isolated cases of incompetency and take his frivolous achievements, consider him incapable of comprehending his own problems, and, unconscious of his possibilities, regard him as a public ward, to be assisted but not consulted. That sort of thing has been going on ever since civilization began and will continue until the end of time. The delinquent we will always have with us, and likewise the frivolous, the indulgent and the enthusiast, but those who would assist the farmer must turn from them and co-operate with the bone and sinew of agriculture. One of the farmers of Marion township, Boone county, who has shown himself to be capable of going it alone, without either assistance or advice, and at the same time competent to encourage others in his calling is Nelson Jackson Parr.

Mr. Parr was born in the above named township and county September 19, 1869. He is a son of Jacob and Amand (Cromwell) Parr, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Clay county, Indiana. The grandparents, Jacob and Lucinda (Webb) Parr, were also natives of Tennessee, while the maternal grandparents, Oliver and Nancy (Biby) Cromwell, were natives of Kentucky. The Perrs were among the pioneer settlers of Boone county, Indiana, and the Cromwells were among the earliest to locate in Clay county, Indiana, living to see the country develop from the wilderness. And in the last named county the parents of our subject were married, January 21, 1854, soon thereafter removing to the present Parr farm in Marion township, Boone county. Jacob Parr owned at one time three hundred and sixty acres in one body, and on this he placed most of the improvements, cleared the timber, ditched and fenced the fields, erected new buildings, etc., and he became a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. His death occurred June 21, 1887. His widow has since resided on the homestead, and is now



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advanced in years. To these parents the following children were born: Jacob O., of Sheridan, Indiana; Elizabeth I., who married Jerome Barker, is now deceased; Amand J. is the wife of Benjamin Brindel, of Marion, Nebraska; Sarah E. died in infancy; Cordella is the wife of Lincoln Johns, of Colfax, Indiana; Etta is the wife of J. W. Shelby, of Lebanon, Indiana; Nelson J., of this review; Ida is the wife of Arthur Baker, of Marion, Nebraska; Maggie, who married William Nicholson, is deceased.

Nelson J. Parr grew to manhood on the home farm and he received a common school education. When a young man he took up farming for a livelihood and this has continued to be his vocation, having always resided with his mother, and is the owner of one hundred and twelve and one-half acres of the home place, which he has kept well improved and under a high state of cultivation, carrying on general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of Duroc-Jersey hogs.

Mr. Parr was married March 4, 1891, to Lizzie Thistlethwaite, a native of Sheridan, Indiana, where she grew to womanhood and was educated in the public schools. To this union two children were born, Lester and Lowell, both at home. The wife and mother passed away January 5, 1897. Mr. Parr was again married December 27, 1899, to Olive Simms, who was born in Marion township, Boone county, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Judson and Mary Jane Simms. One daughter has been born to this second union, Amanda Pauline.

Politically, Mr. Parr is a Democrat; fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 176, at Sheridan; Modern Woodmen of America, No. 6708, at Sheridan, and Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, also at Sheridan. Mr. Parr was elected treasurer of Boone county, November 5, 1914, by a handsome majority.

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#### SAMUEL H. LAUGHLIN.

True memoirs and biographies have a more noble purpose than mere fulsome eulogy. The historic spirit, faithful to the record; the discerning judgment, unmoved by prejudice and uncolored by enthusiasm, are as essential in giving the life of the individual as in writing the history of a people. Indeed the ingenuousness of the former picture is even more vital, because the individual is the national unit, and if the unit be justly estimated the

complex organism will become correspondingly intelligible. The world to-day is what the active, thinking men of past generations have made it, and this rule must ever hold good. From the past comes the legacy of the present. Art, science, statesmanship and government are accumulations. They constitute an inheritance upon which the present generation has entered, and the advantages secured from so vast a bequeathment depend entirely upon the fidelity with which is conducted the study of the lives of the principle actors who have transmitted the legacy. One of the worthy and influential citizens of the early period of Boone county's history was Samuel H. Laughlin, who helped pave the way for the present advanced civilization, and thus although he has long been sleeping the sleep of the just, his influence has not perished from the earth, and his name is therefore worthy of record on the pages of his country's history.

Mr. Laughlin was born in Marion county, Indiana, in April, 1835. He was a son of Vincent and Catherine (Singer) Laughlin, the father of Irish descent and the mother of German parentage. They were early settlers of Boone county, and here their son, Samuel H. Laughlin, grew to manhood, being a child when his parents brought him here. He received such educational advantages as the early-day schools afforded, and he helped his father on the farm when a boy, and he also found time to learn the carpenter's trade which he made his life work and in which he became very skilful, being regarded as one of the best builders and most honest workmen in this section of the state. He built many of the principal residences, business houses and public buildings in this locality, many of them still standing as testimonies to his skill and honest workmanship.

Mr. Laughlin was married on May 16, 1858 to Judith J. Harris, who was born in Sugar Creek township, Boone county, on December 10, 1836. She is a daughter of Mathew T. and Martha (Ferguson) Harris, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Union county, Indiana. The father left his native state when young and took up his residence in Indiana where he was married and devoted his life to farming, principally in Sugar Creek township, Boone county, becoming one of the leading farmers of his community and was a highly respected citizen. His death occurred in 1860. His wife died in 1891. William and Jane (Tribbitt) Harris were the paternal grandparents of our subject's wife. Both were natives of South Carolina. Mrs. Laughlin's maternal grandparents were William and Judith (Walker) Ferguson, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter a

native of South Carolina. They came to Union county, Indiana in a very early day. William Harris and wife, mentioned above, also made a visit to this state when the country was new, and entered land from the government in Sugar Creek township, Boone county, for our subject, but they did not remain here, returning to their home in Tennessee where they spent their lives.

After his marriage Samuel H. Laughlin took up his residence in Thorntown where he worked at the carpenter's trade until his death, which occurred November 18, 1860, when in the prime of young manhood. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he was an honest, hardworking man. After his death Mrs. Laughlin lived on her mother's farm until 1887 when she came to Thorntown and her mother lived with her until her death, which occurred in 1891, since which time Mrs. Laughlin has made her home in Thorntown, where she has a host of warm friends. She lives alone, with the exception of a nephew, Thompson Harris who has a room in her cozy cottage. Religiously she is a faithful member of the Baptist church and is regular in her attendance at its services. She is a pleasing and hospitable lady and looks at life philosophically and is therefore contented and cheerful.

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#### THOMAS R. SHAPLEY.

The chief characteristics of Thomas R. Shapley, a carpenter and builder by trade, but who has long managed a good farm successfully in Marion township, Boone county, are keenness of perception, an unflagging energy, honesty of purpose and motive and every-day common sense, which have enabled him not only to advance his own interests, but also largely contribute to the civic and material advancement of the locality. He worked his way from a modest beginning, having landed from a foreign strand on our shores a half century ago, "a youth to fortune and to fame unknown," in the line of his own great countryman, the poet Gray, and step by step has reached a position of comfort and no mean importance, his individual efforts having been unaided, which fact renders him the more worthy of the praise that is freely accorded him by his fellow-men. His life has been one of unceasing energy and perseverance, and the honorable and systematic methods he has ever employed are commended to others, if they court the goddess success.

Mr. Shapley was born in Devonshire, England, November 5, 1843. He is a son of William and Mary (Doney) Shapley, natives of England, where they grew up, married and spent their lives. And there our subject grew to manhood and received his education in the common schools which was limited, he having left school when nine years old, but he has become a well-informed man through travel and home reading. When fifteen years of age, he left England on board an English trading ship which was shipwrecked off the coast of Greenland among icebergs, seven hundred miles from home. They were there four days and four nights without food and shelter and endured many hardships from cold as well as hunger. They were finally rescued by another ship and brought to Newfoundland and from there sailed back to England. In 1863, when twenty years old, he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York City, where he worked at the carpenter's trade which he had learned in his native country. Six months later he invaded the middle west, locating at Medora, Jackson county, Indiana, where he worked a year then went to Roundsville, Tennessee, remaining there a year, then began traveling and visited most sections of the Union. He was in Chicago during the memorable year of 1871 when the "Queen City of the West" was destroyed by fire, and he remained there, engaging in the work of rebuilding for some time. In 1874 he returned to England, and on May 11th of that year married Mary Gould Madge, of Devonshire, soon thereafter returning with his bride to Chicago, and continued his trade there about eight years, then removed to Marion township, Boone county, Indiana, where he purchased eighty acres of timber land, which he cleared and improved at odd times, but continued his trade all the while. As he prospered he added forty acres more, and for many years has devoted his attention mainly to general farming and stock raising, at which he has been most successful. He has brought his fine farm up to an excellent state of improvement and cultivation, and has a good home and substantial outbuildings.

The first children of Mr. and Mrs. Shapley were triplets, two of whom are now living. William Doney married Nettie Powell and they live in Boone county, Marion township; and Rebecca is the wife of Martin Hand, of Hamilton county, Indiana; Rosa A. is the wife of M. E. Hand, of Hamilton county, also. Our subject and wife also reared a niece, a child of Mr.

Shapley's brother; her name is Frances P., now the wife of Austin Sufton, of Center township, Boone county.

Politically, Mr. Shapley is a Democrat, and he has served his township as road supervisor. Religiously, he is a member of the Episcopal church.

The happy home of our subject was invaded by death on October 18, 1910, when Mrs. Shapley was called to her eternal rest. She was buried in Spencer cemetery. She was a good helpmeet and worthy life companion, a woman of many praiseworthy qualities.

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#### JAMES F. HART.

In nearly every community are to be found individuals who, by innate ability and sheer force of character, rise above their fellows and win for themselves conspicuous places in public esteem. Such a one is the well-known gentleman whose name appears above, a man who has been identified with the history of Boone county for many years, during which time his life has been closely interwoven with the material growth and development of the county, wielding a potent influence in the community honored by his residence, his career as a progressive man of affairs being synonymous with all that is honorable.

James F. Hart, one of Boone county's leading agriculturists and stock raisers, whose fine farm lies in one of the most desirable sections of Jefferson township, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, March 30, 1860. He is a son of James Harvey Hart and Susan (Berry) Hart. The father was born June 9, 1821, and the mother was born August 11, 1826, both being natives of Kentucky, where they grew up and were married, emigrating to Indiana soon afterwards, the date of the wedding being January 23, 1844. The paternal grandparents, William Hart and his wife, emigrated from England to Virginia in a very early day, later coming to Kentucky. William Hart, son of Thomas and Rebecca Hart, was born May 1, 1777, and his death occurred April 21, 1824. He married Polly Pierson, September 17, 1800, and to them the following children were born: Thomas, born September 27, 1802; Rebecca, born January 27, 1805; Francis, born May 2, 1807; William Lindley, born July 1, 1809; Mary, born September 2, 1811; Richard Linzy, born June 21, 1815; John Pope, born October 13, 1817; James

Harvey, born June 9, 1821; Robert Franklin, born April 30, 1823. The death of James Harvey Hart, father of our subject, occurred March 19, 1913, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. The parents of our subject came the entire distance from Kentucky on horseback, the trip requiring many days. They were accompanied by John Coons, and the family settled in Montgomery county, entering land from the government, and there they lived like typical pioneers, working hard, clearing and developing their farm, making their own clothing, shoes, etc., but they succeeded in establishing a comfortable home. The Harts remained in Montgomery county until 1881, when our subject and his mother bought forty acres in Jefferson township, Boone county, on which stood a log cabin and stable, all was cleared but about ten acres, this being second growth timber, this our subject cleared and improved, assisted by his father. They drained the land and erected new buildings, finally having a good farm here to which they added until the place consisted of three hundred and forty acres.

Our subject has two sisters, Fannie, born in 1844, married A. G. Bookshire, and they live in Kansas; and Sarah E., born in 1846, married Allen Bookshire and is living in Brownsburg.

James F. Hart married February 3, 1881, Susan E. Baker, a daughter of John and Lucinda (Clark) Baker, both natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Hart was born in Montgomery county of which the Bakers were early pioneers. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hart by this marriage, Harold L., the date of whose birth is October 2, 1888; he married Cose E. Updike, who was born in Boone county, January 11, 1890, and they were married August 11, 1905; they live on a farm in Jefferson township. Her people were early settlers in Boone county. To Harold Hart and wife the following children have been born: Mary E., born October 2, 1907; John F., born July 3, 1908; James Walter, born March 25, 1910; Robert W., born December 1, 1912. Our subject's first wife died in 1889, and on October 25, 1892, he married Mary E. Long, who was born October 9, 1862. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Osborn) Long, who came from Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively, when young and they were married in Boone county, and they established their home on a farm.

James F. Hart has become one of the most prosperous farmers of his township. It was in 1895 that he built a good residence and large outbuildings on his farm and again in 1912 he began the erection of a magnificent

modern residence, which was completed in 1913. It is elegantly furnished and is one of the show places of the county. It is up-to-date throughout, equipped with furnace, hot water heat, both electric lights and gas, also the former lights in barn. Everything about the place denotes thrift, good management and taste, and that a gentleman of progressive ideas has its management in hand. Mr. Hart carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, annually feeding four carloads of hogs and one of cattle, also handles some sheep.

Politically, Mr. Hart is a Democrat, and is active and influential in party affairs. He and his family attend and support the Christian church. He was one of the first to assist in organizing the Hazelrigg Co-operative Telephone Company. He is widely and favorably known.

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#### ALBERT M. SHAW.

Albert M. Shaw, ninth descendant and youngest living son of Nelson Shaw, born on the old homestead farm in Eagle township, Boone county, Indiana, February 7, 1859, who has in late years obtained possession of said homestead as well as considerable other real estate in and near Zionsville where he now resides, thus demonstrating his business qualifications, perseverance and frugality. He is characterized by all who know him far and near as a typical neighbor, wise and obliging in counsel, always looking to the welfare of others, helping to bear their burdens even at his own sacrifice.

At the age of twenty-one years, in 1880, he united in marriage with Laura Smith, daughter of Jesse Smith, attorney of Zionsville. To this union two sons and one daughter were born: Jesse E., deceased at the age of twenty-five years; Hazel, now Mrs. Zeno Vandover, who resides in Hamilton county, three and one-half miles northeast of Zionsville; Pirtel N., who united in marriage with Ivy E., youngest daughter of J. H. Ottinger and they reside three miles southwest of Zionsville on the new home farm.

Nelson Shaw, his father, was born near Saratoga Springs, New York, July 11, 1817. At the age of eight years, he with his parents emigrated to Ohio, near Clarksville, and at the age of thirteen, in 1830, he came with his parents to Eagle township, Boone county, Indiana. He located on the farm which Newton Carter now owns.

Nelson was a son of John Shaw, who was also a native of the state of New York, and of Scotch-Irish descent. John Shaw served as a guard for the government during the war of 1812. He was the father of four children, viz., John; Nelson, father of Albert M.; Laura J.; and Amanda. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years and spent his last days with his two children, John and Nelson. His wife died at the age of seventy years. They were devout Christians of the Methodist faith and were fine types of sterling pioneers.

When twenty-two years old, Nelson Shaw married Sarah Hartman who was born in North Carolina, April 24, 1818. She was a daughter of John and Nancy Hartman. It was in 1830 that the Hartman family made the overland journey from the far southland to Indiana and located in Pike township, Marion county. Here her parents spent the rest of their lives. To Nelson Shaw and wife ten children were born. There were seven sons and three daughters, namely: John W., deceased; James, deceased; Louisa; David N., deceased; William M.; Thomas M.; Sarah E., deceased; Anna, deceased; Albert M.; and a son who died in infancy. Nelson Shaw died at the age of eighty years, after a successful life as a farmer. His good wife died at the age of seventy-seven years. They were both highly esteemed and influential in local affairs. They were prominent workers in the Methodist church. Thus, we see that Albert M. Shaw inherited from his ancestors, strong christian character and business ability. The wise counsel and cooperation of his estimable wife have been indispensable helps in his life's work. He and his family are strong workers in the Methodist church, yet he shares in his liberality to the support of other neighboring churches.

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#### ADAM H. FELKER.

Perhaps no one agency in all the world has done so much for public progress as the press, and an enterprising, well-edited journal is a most important factor in promoting the welfare and prosperity of any community. It adds to the intelligence of the people through its transmission of foreign and domestic news and through its discussion of the leading questions and issues of the day, and more than that, it makes the town or city which it represents known outside of the immediate locality, as it is sent each day or week



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into other districts, carrying with it an account of the events transpiring in its home locality, the advancement and progress there being made and the advantages which it offers to its residents along moral, educational, social and commercial lines. Boone county is indebted to its wide-awake journals in no small degree. Among the men who are doing a commendable work in the local newspaper field is Adam H. Felker, publisher of the Lebanon *Daily Reporter*. He has long been connected with journalistic work and his ability as a publisher as well as a business man, is widely acknowledged among contemporary newspaper men and the public in general. He is one of the influential citizens of Lebanon.

Mr. Felker was born in Logansport, Cass county, Indiana, March 24, 1867. He is a son of Charles F. and Eliza (Schmidt) Felker, the father a native of Baden, Germany, and the mother of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Felker grew to manhood in Logansport and there received a good education in the common schools, also attended night school for two years, and spent one year in a business college. He has devoted his active life to newspaper work, beginning as a newsboy on the *Pharos*, a newspaper published at Logansport, and he worked at this while attending graded school. At the age of seventeen he was "devil" in the press room of that paper. Four years later he went into the counting room and continued as circulation and advertising manager of the *Pharos* for a period of eight years, meanwhile learning the various phases of conducting a newspaper establishment. He then came to Lebanon and became owner and manager of *The Daily Reporter* on February 22, 1897, and made a pronounced success in his new field. The *Reporter* now ranks with the best papers of its type in the state. It is all that could be desired from a mechanical standpoint and as a news and advertising medium has no superiors among the county-seat dailies of Indiana. He founded the *Boone County Progressive*, a weekly publication, at Lebanon, September 26, 1912.

Mr. Felker was married March 3, 1897, to Eva C. Young, the eldest daughter of John A. and Malinda (French) Young, a highly respected family of Logansport, where Mrs. Felker was reared and educated.

Two children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Pharos Eliza, born December 3, 1897; and Dorothy Malinda, born March 15, 1901.

Politically, Mr. Felker is a Democrat and religiously, he holds membership with the First Baptist church, Lebanon.

Mr. Felker is a member of the Masonic, Knights of Pythias, Ben-Hur, Maccabees, Woodmen and Yeoman fraternities. He was elected and served two terms as chancellor commander of Apollo Lodge Knights of Pythias at Logansport, Indiana. He served two years as master of Boone Lodge No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons of Lebanon, and on two occasions has been a representative to the Masonic Grand Lodge.

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#### JAMES M. DYE.

The great task of clearing the land of its timber in early years can scarcely be realized by the people of today. Not a crop could be sown nor an orchard tree planted until the large trees could be cut down and removed; even then the stumps were a great hindrance and often no more than half a crop could be raised until they were destroyed. The amount of hard labor required to remove the dense forest growth over Boone and other Indiana counties seems almost incredible. It was a task that seemed never to end, and all members of the family were required to assist early and late and at all seasons of the year.

James M. Dye, well-known citizen of Union township, also his father and grandfathers before him had their full share of this work, and they did it well. They came of a race that never quailed before obstacles and hardships, never swerved aside from tasks, no matter how arduous or dangerous, if they believed it their duty to perform them, so it is no wonder that they succeeded, for such men as they are the ones on whom the sunshine of fortune delights to fall and who are the true builders of empires.

Mr. Dye has devoted his long and active career to tilling the soil and is one of our most careful farmers. He is an honored veteran of the Civil war, also one of the connecting links between the present and the pioneer period, being one of the oldest native-born citizens of Boone county who is still active in affairs. He has lived to see and take part in the momentous changes that have been noted here during the past half century.

Mr. Dye was born in Union township, Boone county, January 21, 1847. He is a son of James and Ruth Ann (Harmon) Dye, the father a native of Miami county, Ohio, and the mother of North Carolina. The paternal

grandparents, George and Hanna (Calvert) Dye, were natives of Pennsylvania. In 1831, grandfather Dye traveled through Indiana and settled at Zionsville, buying land in the wilderness and returned home, but in 1832 came back to his land here which he cleared and improved, also built a grist and sawmill which he operated and became a leading citizen among the pioneers.

The maternal grandparents were James and Philadelphia (Dickerson) Harmon. The former was born in Kentucky, February 4, 1797, and died in Boone county, Indiana, April 11, 1847. His parents settled in the northern part of Marion county, Indiana, while he was yet a boy. Philadelphia Dickerson was born in Kentucky, August 19, 1797. She moved to Shelby county, Indiana, with her parents while a child. After their marriage, they lived in the northern part of Marion county, Indiana, for a time, then moved to Illinois where they remained one year and then moved to Boone county, Indiana, about the year 1830. Thirteen children were born to this union, namely: Emily, deceased, born October 27, 1817; Mary Jane, deceased, born April 9, 1820; Ruth Ann, mother of our subject, born December 13, 1821; Robert John, deceased, born February 21, 1824; William Alexander, deceased, born January 7, 1826; James Dickerson, deceased, born January 8, 1828; Elizabeth, deceased, born October 3, 1829; Granville, deceased, born June 4, 1831; Nelson S., deceased, born July 5, 1833; Francis Marion, deceased, born February 8, 1835; Philadelphia, deceased, born November 18, 1837; Drusilla, deceased, born August 17, 1841, and Charles, the only one living at this writing, born December 25, 1844.

After their marriage the parents of our subject settled on two hundred and thirty-eight acres in Union township. He also owned eighty acres in another part of this township, and he devoted his life successfully to farming and was a good citizen and useful in the community. The father's death occurred in July, 1906, the mother having preceded him to the grave in November, 1882. The following were their children: James M., of this review; William Harvey is deceased; Sarah Elizabeth, died when four years old; Melissa J. died when twenty-one years of age; John E. lives in Worth township; Martha D. is the wife of John Z. Cooney, of Union township.

James M. Dye grew to manhood on the home farm where he worked hard when a boy and he attended graded schools in Bartholomew county, Indiana. When the Civil war was going on, he enlisted, April 13, 1864, in

Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was in the Army of the Cumberland, serving faithfully in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, and was honorably discharged in October, 1864, and returned home.

Mr. Dye was married January 1, 1871, to Hanna Pugh, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a daughter of Elias and Eliza (Cameron) Pugh. The father was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and was a cousin of Gen. John Morgan. The mother of Mrs. Dye was born in Ohio. After his marriage, Mr. Dye rented a farm from his father in Union township, where he farmed during the summer, teaching during the winter months and in a few years he had a good start. In 1884, he went to Sheridan, Indiana, where he engaged in the general merchandise business for seventeen months and had a good trade, then was burned out, losing everything. He then started west with a feather renovator, later returned and purchased forty acres in Union township, joining one hundred acres of timber which his father had given him. He began improving his place, clearing the land and erecting suitable buildings, draining and tiling it and in due course of time had a desirable and valuable farm. In 1894, he was elected recorder of Boone county on the Republican ticket, the duties of which office he discharged in a highly creditable manner, and while incumbent of this office he lived four years in Lebanon. We next find him buying a stone works there which he conducted one year, when he sold out and returned to his farm which he worked with gratifying results until 1913, when he slowed up somewhat in active business. He made a specialty of raising Percheron, standard bred horses and he had some of the finest stallions ever known in this country, and built up an extensive and lucrative business, and he took a large number of premiums with his fancy stock at the county and state fairs during many years. He is an excellent judge of horses and knows well their proper care. He purchased forty acres adjoining his original farm in 1913. He now has one of the most desirable farms in the township and a pleasant home in every respect.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dye: Harry P., who lives in Jackson, Mississippi; J. Elmer lives in Charlotte, North Carolina; Bertha is the wife of Harry Thompson, of Lebanon, Indiana; William V. died at the age of twenty-six years.

Mr. Dye is a Republican politically and has long been more or less active in party affairs. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic

at Zionsville, this county. Mrs. Dye attends the Seven Day Adventist church. The death of her father occurred April 19, 1876, her mother surviving only eleven months, dying March 20, 1877.

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#### THOMAS G. HARBAUGH.

As an agricultural region, Indiana is not surpassed by any state in the Union. It is indeed the farmer's kingdom, where he always reaps an abundant harvest. The soil, in many portions of the state, has an open, flexible structure, quickly absorbs the excessive rains and retains moisture with great tenacity. This being the case, it is not easily affected by drought. The prairies are covered with sweet, luxuriant grass, equally good for grazing and hay; grass not surpassed by the Kentucky blue grass, the best of clover and timothy in growing and fattening cattle. This grass is now as full of life-giving nutriment as it was when cropped by the buffalo, the elk and the deer. No state in the Union has a more complete and satisfactory system of drainage, natural and artificial, or a more abundant supply of pure, fresh water. Both man and beast may slake their thirst from a thousand perennial fountains which gush in limpid streams from the hillsides, and wend their way through verdant valleys and along smiling prairies or through somber forests, varying in size as they onward flow from the diminutive rivulet to the giant river. One of the native sons of Boone county to take advantage of the splendid natural conditions for farming in this locality is Thomas G. Harbaugh, of Clinton township, and the large success he has attained in this vocation is evidence of his thrift and also of the excellent natural conditions.

Mr. Harbaugh was born in Boone county, Indiana, in 1864. He is a son of Ellis E. and Melvina F. Harbaugh, both parents natives of Hamilton county, this state, where they grew to maturity, were educated in the early-day schools and were married and later settled near Sheridan, Boone county, purchased a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres and on this spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in 1905 and the mother in 1891. They were the parents of six children, namely: Mrs. Alpha Wallace and her husband live on a farm near Sheridan; Mrs. Emma Elder lives at Sheridan,

where her husband is engaged in the live stock business; Mrs. Rosie McKenzie and her husband live on a farm in the northeastern part of Boone county; Charles O. is married and lives on a farm in Boone county; John E. is farming in Hamilton county, Indiana; and Thomas G., of this sketch. After the death of our subject's mother, Ellis E. Harbaugh married, about 1904, Amanda Rains, of Hamilton county, and to this second union one child was born. The widow is still living in Hamilton county. The Harbaughs are of German descent.

Thomas G. Harbaugh was reared on the home farm in his native community and he received his early education in the public schools. In 1885 he married Emma L. Simpson, who was born, reared and educated in Boone county, she being a daughter of William Simpson and wife, one of the highly respected old families of this locality.

After his marriage our subject farmed six years in his native vicinity, then moved to Tipton county, where he farmed six years, after which he removed to Hamilton county, where he purchased eighty acres, his first land. Remaining there two years, he returned to Boone county and located on his present farm in Clinton township, two miles east of Mechanicsburg, and here he has since carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale and has met with ever increasing success. He owns one of the best improved and most desirable farms in the county which consists of three hundred and twenty acres and which he has brought up to a high state of cultivation and improvement. He has remodeled his dwelling into a large, comfortable house and has erected two substantial barns and other good outbuildings. He is one of the most extensive and best known stock men in the county and is regarded as an exceptionally good judge of all kinds of stock and no small portion of his annual income is derived from this source. At this writing, he has on hand eighteen thousand dollars' worth of high-grade live stock, eighty-five head of sheep, fifty-seven head of horses, forty-six head of cows and one hundred and fifty head of hogs and this is about an average of what he always keeps in the way of live stock. Perhaps no one of the county handles more stock than Mr. Harbaugh.

Four children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Blanche died when two years old; Lula is unmarried and lives at home; Gurnie E. is also single and has remained with her parents; Ara E. is the wife of Frank Blubaugh, a farmer of Clinton county, Indiana.

Politically, Mr. Harbaugh is a Democrat, as was his father before him, and while he is interested in public affairs, he never fails to do his part as a good citizen when questions of local public improvements are concerned; he has never sought political office or leadership. He and his family attend the Christian church at Mechanicsburg.

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#### CHARLES D. UMBERHINE, M. D.

It seems that it is not so much the different things which men do as the way and spirit in which they do them, that makes the greatest difference between men. Labor and service are invested with dignity only when the individuals who perform them are brought into a true and responsible relation to them. It is the person who dignifies the work. If he exists, or supposes himself to exist, only for his drudging tasks, they share in his degradation. Only as the individual is lifted into something of the dignity of true, responsible, personal life can his duties and work assume new and higher meanings. This is true just because it is not the duties which impart to them their meaning, but the purpose, spirit and way of doing them. One of the successful physicians of Boone county, who has dignified his profession in which he ranks high in this locality is Dr. Charles D. Umberhine, of Washington township.

Dr. Umberhine was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 30, 1862. He is a son of Dexter W. and Nancy M. (Gustin) Umberhine. The family is of Scotch-Irish and English descent. Our subject was four years old, when, in 1866, he moved with his parents to Thorntown, Indiana, where they lived until 1881, when they moved to Mechanicsburg, Boone county, where our subject and his mother established their home, the father having died previously. He devoted his life work to publishing city directories.

Dr. Umberhine received his early education in the common schools, and later entered Rush Medical College in Chicago, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1885. Soon thereafter he returned to Mechanicsburg and has since been practicing his profession in Washington township. He has enjoyed a large and lucrative business from the first, which has increased with advancing years until he now ranks among the leaders of his profession in this locality, having continued studying he has kept

well abreast of the times and has had splendid success as a general practitioner.

Our subject was married in 1884 to Ina M. Barnhart and to this union seven children were born, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Ethel M., Jessie M., Lloyd, Rush D. and Emil. Four of these children live at home. Jessie M. is the wife of Jesse L. Hall, their marriage having occurred June 13, 1911. Mr. Hall is a carpenter by trade and lives at Frankfort, Indiana; he and his wife have one child, Joyce, now two years old. Lloyd Umberhine is connected with a general store in Mechanicsburg, having formerly owned a half interest in the same. Our subject has a half brother, Walter G. Reagan, who is engaged in the grocery business in Lebanon and there the doctor's mother now lives; her second husband was Jesse S. Reagan.

Politically, Dr. Umberhine is a Republican and fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen, in both of which he has filled all the chairs; and religiously belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. His children all belong to the same church. They were given good educational advantages and the entire family stands high in the various circles of the community.

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#### JOHN T. BROWN.

One of the most difficult literary tasks is to write an unexceptionable chronicle of a living man. If the life is worthy of record there is always danger of offending that delicacy which is inseparable from merit, for even moderate praise, when it meets the eyes of its subject is apt to seem fulsome, while a nice sense of propriety would not be the less wounded by a dry abstract containing nothing but names and dates. To sum up a career which is not yet ended would appear like recording events which have not transpired, since justly to estimate the scope and meaning of a history it is important that we have the closing chapter. In writing biographical notice, therefore, the chronicler from the moment he takes up his pen should consider the subject as no longer among his contemporaries, for thus he will avoid the fear of offending by bestowing praise where it is merited and escape the risk of giving but a fragmentary view of that which must eventually be



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taken as a unit. At some risk, therefore, the writer in this connection addresses himself to the task of placing on record the life and character of a man who, by the force of strong individuality, has achieved more than ordinary success in the world's most important field of endeavor—agriculture, and by sheer force of individuality has won for himself an enviable position among the leading citizens and is the most influential politician of the locality honored by his citizenship. This word setting has to do with John T. Brown, of Clinton township, Boone county, Indiana.

Mr. Brown was born in Center township, this county, September 17, 1870, and is a scion of one of our sterling old families, being a son of George W. and Martha E. (Toone) Brown, both natives of the state of Kentucky, the father born in the year 1820 and the mother's birth occurred in 1826. They grew to maturity in the old Blue Grass state, received such educational advantages as the early day schools afforded and there they were married and established their home, but removed to Indiana in 1854 and located in Center township, Boone county, and here became well established on a good farm.

John T. Brown grew to manhood on his father's farm and there assisted with the general work when a boy until he was eighteen years of age. He attended the public schools and a private school in Kentucky, but the major portion of his education has been obtained in later years by wide and persistent home study and by contact with the world until he is today an exceptionally well informed man. When young in years he began life for himself by engaging in farming with his brother-in-law, Sid Fielder. In 1898 he purchased forty acres in Perry township, Boone county. It was improved land and he went in debt for it. Going to work with a will and managing well he made a success in operating this land and in due course of time was out of debt. In 1902 he traded for eighty acres in Clinton township to which he removed. It was a well improved place, on which stood a good brick house and substantial outbuildings; the land was also well tiled. Mr. Brown has made other improvements and now has one of the choice farms of the township, which he is managing in a highly satisfactory manner, carrying on general farming and stock raising, especially hogs. He believes in keeping everything about his place in ship-shape and in farming under twentieth century methods.

Mr. Brown was married November 28, 1891 to Cora Underwood, who

was born April 28, 1875. She is a daughter of Gideon and Eliza Ann (Neal) Underwood, both natives of Jennings county, Indiana, where they spent their earlier years, but removed to Boone county in an early day. The death of the mother occurred in 1900, but Mr. Underwood is living in Madison, this state.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, namely: Lillian E., born April 29, 1892, married Oren Eaton, a farmer of Clinton township, Boone county, and they have three children, Melvin, John M., and Elwood; Randall E., born March 15, 1894; Gladys J., born April 16, 1896, married Jesse Hoffman, a farmer of Clinton township, this county, and they have one child, Flora L.; George G., born January 25, 1898; Annie A., born September 2, 1900; Ester S., born December 23, 1904; Bernice, born June 18, 1906; Milo T., born February 14, 1910; and Neal, born September 20, 1913. These children are all living at home with the exception of the two married daughters.

Politically, Mr. Brown is a stanch Democrat and has long been an active worker in the ranks and one of the local leaders in public affairs. He is now incumbent of the office of township assessor, the duties of which he has most faithfully discharged, and in the campaign of 1914 was a popular candidate for the office of county recorder on the Democratic ticket, and his election was predicted by all from the first owing to his popularity and high standing as a citizen. Fraternally, he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife are active members of the Christian church, in which he has been a deacon for a period of thirteen years, and was superintendent of the Sunday school for five years. He and Mrs. Brown are excellent people, hospitable, neighborly and are well liked by all who know them.

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#### MANSON HEAD.

Among the men of Boone county who have performed well their parts in the affairs of this locality is Manson Head, now living in retirement, and it is a compliment worthily bestowed to say that this county has been honored by his citizenship, for he has achieved definite success through his own efforts and is thoroughly deserving of the proud American title of self-made man, the term being one that, in its better sense, cannot but appeal to the loyal

admiration of all who are appreciative of our national institutions and the privileges afforded for individual accomplishment, and it is a privilege, ever gratifying in this day and age, to meet a man who has had the courage to face the battles of life with a strong heart and steady hand and to win in the stern conflict by bringing to bear only those forces with which nature has equipped him, self-reliance, self-respect and integrity.

Mr. Head was born in Rush county, Indiana, January 27, 1829, in a log cabin. He is a son of S. C. Head, who was born in New Hampshire in 1801, and he was a son of Nathaniel Head, also a native of that state. This family is of English descent. Nathaniel Head came west in an early day and his death occurred in Ohio. S. C. Head grew to manhood in that state and from there moved to Kentucky. He married Malinda Pouge. He devoted his life to farming, spending some time eight miles from Indianapolis, in Marion county. He came to Zionsville in 1857, where he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of the following children, four of whom died in early life, namely: Roxanna, Meranda, Manson, Truxton, Burton, Carr, Almira, Jane, Martha, Marinda, Levi, who was a soldier in the Civil war is living in Zionsville. The father of the above named children reached the advanced age of eighty-one years, and the mother died at the age of seventy-two.

Manson Head grew up on the home farm and he received the usual meager education of those early days. He found plenty of hard work to do, such as clearing, splitting rails and grubbing. He was married in 1851 to Elizabeth Daudensteck, who was born in Marion county. She is a daughter of Peter Daudensteck. Her mother was Ruth Newhouse before her marriage. They are both now deceased.

After his marriage Mr. Head purchased a sixty acre farm on which he spent six years, then came to Zionsville and went into the mercantile business, maintaining a general store in which he prospered and became one of the leading merchants here. He always took an interest in political affairs and served as township trustee and as county commissioner.

Ten children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Marinda Jane, Albert G., Winfield is deceased; Rose, Mary, Gregory, Ida, Emma is deceased; Anna, Cora is deceased. The wife and mother passed away on October 13, 1876, at the age of forty-five years.

Politically, Mr. Head is Republican. He belongs to the Masonic order,

Knights Templars and Commandery of Indianapolis, having attained the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Chapter at Lebanon, being master of same thirty-six years. He has been a Mason for sixty-two years. He has served as a member of the local school board for years, and he has done much for the cause of education, religion and temperance. He has been very successful in a business way. He was a merchant here for years. He owns valuable town property and an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on the interurban line. On his farm is a good residence and other buildings and it is well improved and productive. He works a fine garden for exercise. He has the good will and respect of all who know him for his life has been a useful and exemplary one.

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#### CHARLES GODFREY.

The late Charles Godfrey, farmer and stock man of Clinton township, Boone county, enjoyed distinctive prestige among the enterprising men of this locality during a past generation, having fought his way onward and upward from a modest beginning to a comfortable position in his neighborhood and in every relation of life his voice and influence were on the side of right as he saw and understood the right. He was always interested in every enterprise for the welfare of the community and liberally supported every movement calculated to benefit his fellowmen. Although the last chapter in his life drama has been closed by the "angel with the backward look and folded wings of ashen gray," who called him to a higher sphere of action, his influence is still felt for good in the community long honored by his residence and he is greatly missed by the many who knew him as a neighbor and friend, for he was a man in whom the utmost confidence could be reposed, scrupulously honest in all his dealings with his fellow men, always making good his promises, was kind and obliging, especially to the unfortunate and was a man whom all respected.

Mr. Godfrey was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, May 15, 1827. He was a son of James Godfrey, who served in the Revolutionary war under General Washington and he grew to manhood in his native community and there received such educational advantages as the early day schools afforded.

When a young man he worked at various things in Ohio, his last year there being spent in running a canal boat on the Ohio canal. He then came to Indiana and located south of Kirklin, Marion township, Boone county, renting a farm on which he remained two years, then purchased it and lived there ten years longer. He then moved to Mechanicsburg, Boone county, where he spent a year, after which he moved to Clinton county and rented a farm for five years, then moved to Center township, Boone county, and rented a farm two years, then moved a short distance south on another farm where he remained about ten years, then bought eighty acres in 1882, in Clinton township and here spent the rest of his life and developed an excellent and well improved farm and carried on general farming and stock raising successfully. This farm is located three and one-half miles east of Mechanicsburg and is considered one of the best farms in this section of the county.

Mr. Godfrey was married in Ohio, in 1851, to Joanna Meeks, a daughter of Joshua and Susan (Richardson) Meeks. She was born August 31, 1833. Mrs. Godfrey grew to womanhood in Ohio and there received a common school education. Her ancestors were Irish, while those of her husband were Scotch. Mrs. Godfrey had five uncles who fought in the war of 1812, under Gen. William Henry Harrison and all were killed in the famous battle of Tippecanoe, in November, 1811, and they are buried in Tippecanoe county, Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey six children were born, five living at this writing, namely: Mrs. Melissa Campbell, lives on a farm in Clinton township; Charles Clay died December 28, 1902, at age of forty-seven years; John W. married Jannie Smith, and lives on a farm in Boone county; Susan married George Allen, a rural mail carrier, and they live in Iowa; James married Nancy Regan and they live in Thorntown, Indiana; Jeremiah is unmarried and lives at home and helps his mother look after the home farm which they keep rented out. He and his mother are members of the First Christian church of Scotland, Clinton county. Politically, the son is a Republican.

The death of Charles Godfrey occurred April 5, 1904, almost seventy-eight years of age. Mrs. Joanna Godfrey passed away October 1, 1914, and is buried in Scotland cemetery, near Kirkland, Clinton county, Indiana, by the side of her husband.

## MORRIS RITCHIE.

Holding distinctive prestige among the enterprising citizens of Boone county is Morris Ritchie, well known manufacturer and substantial business man of Lebanon, whose record here briefly outlined is that of a self-made man, distinctively the architect of his own fortunes, who, by the judicious exercise of the talents with which nature endowed him, successfully surmounted an environment none too auspicious and rose to the position he now occupies as one of the most progressive and influential men of affairs of the locality honored by his citizenship, having been true and loyal in all the relations of life, standing as a type of that sterling manhood which ever commands respect and honor. He is a man who would win his way in any locality in which fate might place him, for he has sound judgment, coupled with great energy and business tact, together with upright principles, all of which make for success wherever and whenever they are rightly and persistently applied. Mr. Ritchie is a creditable representative of one of the sterling old families of the Hoosier state, running back to the Blue Grass state on the paternal side and he seems to have inherited many of the sturdy traits of his forebears.

Mr. Ritchie was born July 30, 1861, in Boxley, Hamilton county, Indiana. He is a son of Andrew Washington Ritchie and Martha Ann (Sims) Ritchie. The father was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, and the mother was a native of Rush county, Indiana. Andrew W. Ritchie was a young man when he removed with his parents from Kentucky to Boone county, Indiana. He left Boone county when still a young man and went to Boxley, Hamilton county, Indiana, and there married and followed merchandising until his death, which occurred in April, 1863. His widow survived a half century, dying February 15, 1913, aged eighty years, at the home of our subject in Lebanon. Besides our subject there was another son and a daughter in this family.

Morris Ritchie lived in Boxley until he was thirteen years of age and there he attended the public schools. In September, 1874, the family moved to Lebanon, the mother having married William W. Sims in the meantime. Mr. Ritchie continued his education in the schools of Lebanon, lacking one year of graduating from the high school. He then clerked in a grocery store for some time and in 1880 began the grocery business for himself, continuing

the same until 1898; then, having secured a good start in a business way, he turned his attention to the produce business, buying and shipping in large quantities to the eastern markets. This he followed until 1899. In January, 1900, he took up the retail lumber business, also furniture manufacturing, the firm being known as Campbell, Smith & Ritchie. They were successful from the start and soon had a rapidly growing business. In 1907 they incorporated as the Campbell, Smith, Ritchie Company, which partnership continues to the present time. Mr. Ritchie became secretary, which position he still holds, and the pronounced success of the company has been due in no small measure to his able management and judicious counsel. In 1910 the company abandoned the retail lumber business and since then has devoted its entire time to manufacturing, the celebrated "Boone Kitchen Cabinet" being its specialty, and they have had a great demand for same throughout the country, large consignments being constantly shipped to various states and the demand is rapidly growing. The firm also manufactures other specialties, all of a high grade and superior quality and workmanship. The plant is a modernly equipped and convenient one and a large number of skilled artisans are constantly employed. This is one of the most widely known and important manufacturing concerns in this section of the state. Mr. Ritchie has been very successful in a business way. He is president of the Boone County State Bank, being one of the organizers of the same in October, 1911, and he has been its president since that time, its marked success and pronounced prestige being due to his ability and foresight as a financier, the people of Lebanon and vicinity reposing the utmost confidence in his integrity, business acumen and keen discernment.

Politically, Mr. Ritchie is a Republican and has long been active and influential in public affairs. In November, 1904, he was elected county commissioner and assumed office January 1, 1906, serving one term of three years in a highly commendable manner. He has been a leader in the party organization at various times and for the past six years has been chairman of the city organization and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. His acquaintance is state-wide and his counsel is often sought by party leaders and candidates.

Mr. Ritchie has been twice married, first on May 6, 1886, to Gertrude Cory, a daughter of John L. and Lydia (Grusch) Cory, of Lebanon, formerly of New Carlisle, Clark county, Ohio. To this first union four children were born, namely: Russell, who is engaged in business with his father; Helen is

at home: Lowell is a student in Purdue University; Marion is at home. The wife and mother was called to her eternal rest June 16, 1906. On August 20, 1911, Mr. Ritchie married Zora Schulmire, a daughter of John W. and Emma Schulmire, of Lebanon, an old family of this county. To this second union two children have been born. John Morris died in infancy, and Martha Elizabeth Ritchie, born July 20, 1913.

Fraternally, Mr. Ritchie is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and he and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member of the official board. He has been president of the Brotherhood and is active in all church and Sunday school work.

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#### JESSE E. TUCKER, M. D.

Examples that impress force of character on all who study them are worthy of record, and the mission of an active, talented and conscientious worker in the world's affairs is one that is calculated to inspire a multitude of others to better efforts and higher things; so its general influence cannot be measured in metes and bounds, for it affects the lives of those with whom it comes into contact, broadening and enriching them for all time to come. By a few general observations may be conveyed some idea of the noble character, the professional skill and the commendable public influence of Dr. Jesse E. Tucker, one of Boone county's most representative citizens, a well known physician of the town of Elizaville and also a prominent live stock breeder. United in his composition are so many elements of a solid and practical nature as to bring him into conspicuous notice, who, not content to hide his talents amid life's sequestered ways, by the force of will and a laudable ambition has forged to the front in one of the most exacting and important of professions. His life has been one of hard study and unselfish industry, whose laborious professional duties has led to a high position in the esteem of the public, which gives evidence that the qualities which he possesses afford the means of distinction under a system of government in which places of honor and usefulness are open to all who may be found worthy of them.

Dr. Tucker was born in Henry county, Indiana, January 6, 1870. He is a son of William A. and Lucy W. (Woodal) Tucker, the father a native of



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Kentucky and the mother of Virginia; they both came to Indiana when young and were married in this state, in which our subject's grandparents were pioneers, the Tucker family locating in Henry county and the Woodals in Boone county. Grandfather Woodal was probably the first blacksmith in Boone county. The doctor's parents, who have devoted their lives successfully to agricultural pursuits are living on a farm and are still active and although advanced in years are fairly hale and hearty. Grandfather Woodal died in Boone county about forty years ago at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Dr. Tucker grew to manhood on the home farm and assisted with the work there during crop seasons when he became of proper age, and he received his early schooling in the district schools, remaining with his parents until he was twenty-two years old. Soon after he was graduated from the high school at Knightstown, in 1880, he began the study of medicine with Dr. William D. Johns, a noted Indiana physician of that period, studying under him about a year, then entered the Physio Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis in 1890 and was graduated from this institution in 1895, with high honors, having made a most excellent record there. On August 3d of that year he came to Elizaville, Boone county where he began the practice of his profession, which he has continued to the present time with ever increasing success until he now enjoys a very large and lucrative practice which extends over this part of the county and he ranks in the forefront of his professional brethren in Boone county. Ever a student he has kept well abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession.

Dr. Tucker was married in 1891 to Jessie E. Hull, who was born January 11, 1875, and whose death occurred November 17, 1898. She was a native of Hancock county, Indiana, and a daughter of a prominent family there. This union resulted in the birth of two children, namely: Russell A., born November 19, 1893; Raymond O., born August 17, 1895. On October 28, 1900, the doctor married Bessie O. Richardson, who was born in Boone county, January 8, 1883. She is a daughter of Joel and Eva (Johns) Richardson, both natives of Indiana, the Richardsons being early settlers in Boone county. The death of Mr. Richardson occurred when he was a comparatively young man, but his widow is living in Marion township, this county. To Dr. Tucker's second marriage three children were born, namely: Olive M., born March 8, 1904; Eva Pauline, born March 4, 1906; and Lela G., born Novem-

ber 19, 1909. These children have all been given excellent educational advantages, and they are all living at home.

Politically, the doctor is a loyal Democrat and usually attends the various conventions of his party, and is well posted on current political questions, and is an influential leader in his party in this section of Boone county, but he is not an office seeker, preferring to give his attention exclusively to his extensive practice and to his fine farm and live stock industry. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Improved Order of Red Men. He and his wife belong to the Baptist church. He has passed the chairs in the Woodmen lodge. He is a member of the Indiana State Medical Association and the National Medical Association.

The valuable farm owned by Dr. Tucker just west of the town of Elizaville, consists of forty-six acres and is one of the show places of the township, being modern in every respect and under the highest possible state of improvement and cultivation. On it stands large substantial and convenient outbuildings, and here he has for some time been successfully engaged in raising thoroughbred Poland-China hogs, which, owing to their superior quality, find a very ready market all over the country, many of them being shipped to remote distances, always bringing fancy prices. His registered sires are greatly admired by all who see them, being the finest obtainable. For five years he has held annual sales, selling his high-grade stock at public auction, and these sales are a great success, being attended by buyers from all over the country.

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#### JOHN STANLEY MOORE.

When one visits the village of Mechanicsburg, Boone county, Indiana, and hears the anvil ring in the shop of John Stanley Moore, one is reminded of Longfellow's "village blacksmith under the spreading chestnut tree," not that our subject necessarily resembles the Cambridge giant, "the muscles of whose brawny arms were strong as iron bands," nor is there a patriarchal chestnut tree over our subject's forge, but yet Mr. Moore has a number of characteristics like the blacksmith that the poet knew, such as honesty, industry, kind-heartedness and a desire to lead a peaceable and useful life, and

so Mr. Moore has won friends all over this locality who repose implicit trust in him and who regard him as a good citizen. This must be true or he would not have been permitted to retain the office of postmaster at Reese Mills for over twenty years, neither would he have been selected to serve as township trustee.

Mr. Moore was born December 17, 1850, in Kentucky. He is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Hinkle) Moore, both natives of Kentucky, where they grew up and were married and from that state they removed to Mechanicsburg, Boone county, Indiana, in 1859. The father learned the blacksmith's trade when a boy in the old Blue Grass state and this he followed all his life and was known as a most skillful workman and an honest man and good neighbor. During the Civil war he enlisted for service in the Union army in the Eleventh Cavalry, from Indiana, but being a skilled farrier he followed his trade while in the service and after his honorable discharge returned to Mechanicsburg where he reopened his shop and continued his trade here until his death in 1888. His wife died in 1891.

Our subject has two brothers living, namely: B. L. Moore, of Lebanon, and William Henry Moore, of Anderson, Indiana; the oldest son of this family is deceased and two daughters of Thomas and Sarah Moore are also deceased.

John Stanley Moore grew to manhood in Boone county, being nine years old when his parents located at Mechanicsburg, and he received a common school education. He learned the blacksmith's trade under his brother, now deceased, and became a very skilled workman while still a young man and has followed his trade with success since 1876, or nearly forty years, and is one of the best known and most popular blacksmiths in this section of the state. He spent much of his earlier years at Reese Mills in this county and was postmaster there for a period of over twenty years, giving eminent satisfaction to both the people and the department. He was elected township trustee of Washington township in 1900 and served very creditably for four years. During his term of office he continued his vocation at his forge, which he has retained to the present time, maintaining an up-to-date and well equipped 'shop in Mechanicsburg.

Mr. Moore was married November 15, 1877, to Lizzie Buntin, who was born in Mechanicsburg, Indiana, January 18, 1857. She is thus fifty-six years old and has spent her life in Mechanicsburg and Mr. Moore has been

here fifty-five years and they have thus seen many great changes here in that time, remembering when there were but a few houses in this vicinity and when the roads were often impassable, the mud being so deep, and when the country in general was little developed. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are the oldest residents of continuous residence in Mechanicsburg, are well known and highly respected, for their lives have been honorable and helpful. They have one son, Gustin O., who was reared and educated here and is now traveling out of Frankfort for a wholesale grocery firm and he makes his home in Frankfort. He married Victoria Denny and has one son, Byron Stanley Moore.

Politically, Mr. Moore is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Christian church, and fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, Sylvan Lodge No. —, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men, in both of which he has filled the chairs and has represented both in grand lodge. He was secretary of the local lodge of Odd Fellows for a period of eighteen years continuously and he has been chief of records of the local lodge of Red Men for a period of thirteen years continuously. His long retention in these positions would indicate that his work has been most faithfully and accurately done and that he is a prominent lodge man in this locality.

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#### CLARENCE ROBERTS.

The great task in the early years of the history of Boone county of clearing the land of its timber can scarcely be realized by the people of today. Not a crop could be planted or an orchard tree set out until the timber had been cut and removed either by fire or with horses. Even then the stumps were a great hindrance and it is doubtful if so much as a half crop could be raised until they had been eradicated in some manner. The amount of hard labor thus required to remove the timber and place the land under a high state of cultivation seems almost incredible. It was a task that never ended and all members of the family were required to assist early and late and at all seasons of the year. But the persistence in all instances brought success as the years passed and in time the bare acres were spread out before

the sun ready to produce abundant crops as soon as the seeds were deposited and the wilderness gave way to abundant harvests and browsing herds. This was the task set before the grandfather and father of Clarence Roberts, a well known farmer of Jefferson township. This honored pioneer family came here in the days of the great forest and, setting to work with a will, cleared the land and established a good home and they have been prominent in the affairs of the community for nearly three-quarters of a century.

Clarence Roberts was born on a farm within one mile of his present home, four and one-half miles west of Lebanon, Indiana, his present home being a mile north of the Crawfordsville road and the date of his birth was September 12, 1879. He is a son of Robert W. and Elizabeth (Goodwin) Roberts. William R. Roberts, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Kentucky, where he grew up and married Emmarine Miller and when Boone county, Indiana, was a wilderness they removed here and established their home in what is now Jefferson township and by hard persistent work against the forces of nature this sturdy frontiersman cleared the land which he had secured for a small sum, drained it and developed a good farm and here the father of our subject grew to manhood and assisted his father to clear and improve the homestead and he too devoted his active life to general farming and has maintained his home in the city of Lebanon since 1885. The mother of our subject died when he was only three months old. His father later married Margaret Brooks. The mother of our subject was a native of Kentucky, from which state she came with her parents in an early day to Boone county, Indiana, locating in what is now Center township.

Clarence Roberts was reared by his grandparents, William R. Roberts and wife. He worked hard on the old homestead when a boy and received his education in the common schools of his vicinity. **He has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising and owns a finely improved and productive farm of forty acres in Jefferson township and has a comfortable home surrounded by convenient outbuildings.** On December 20, 1900, he married Mabel Coon, of Washington township, this county; she was born, reared and educated in Clinton county, Indiana. This union has been without issue.

Politically, Mr. Roberts is a Democrat and has been loyal in the support of his party and a worker in the same. In the spring of 1914, he was nominated for sheriff of Boone county and his selection was regarded from

the first as a fortunate one. He was at once promised a large support, for his fitness in every respect for this important office was recognized not only by his friends but by all concerned, and his election was freely predicted. He carried the county by one thousand two hundred plurality. He is well known and popular throughout the county. Fraternally, he is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, of Lebanon. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church of Dover.

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#### JOHN A. DUVALL.

During the past few years the farmer has come into his own as a factor in the world's affairs more than ever before, and his position among men of other vocations is recognized by all classes as one of the vastest importance, and, in fact, many from various trades and professions are turning to the soil, the movement from the city to the country being now much greater than it ever was in any period of the world. One of the principal causes for the "back-to-the-farm" movement has been the publication of stories of the money that has been made in general farming and along specialized lines. A number of newspapers make it a point to publish highly colored stories of success with the result that a great many good people are misled as to the possibilities of farming, stock raising and fruit growing, when not backed by experience and capital. One of the successful general farmers and stock men of Boone county is John A. Duvall, of Clinton township, formerly a successful educator in the public schools of this locality, and whose success as an agriculturist has been gained by close application and the exercise of sound judgment.

Mr. Duvall was born in Warren county, Ohio, February 21, 1857, a son of Jacob and Nancy E. (Jackson) Duvall, his father dying when our subject was a child. He spent his boyhood in his native state and was twelve years old when he came to Indiana in 1869 with Joseph Witham, with whom he made his home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he returned to Warren county, Ohio, and married Martha Ellen Witham and at once brought his bride to the farm he now occupies in Clinton township, Boone county. In the meantime he had received a good education in the common

schools and, applying himself assiduously to his text-books, prepared himself for a teacher, which profession he followed with ever increasing success for a period of fifteen years, his services being in great demand and he gave eminent satisfaction as an educator, employing advanced methods and being popular with both pupils and patrons. During the summer months he worked on his farm, which was unimproved when he purchased it, and which he redeemed from the wilderness by hard work and today his farm of one hundred and twenty acres is one of the best improved and most desirable in his vicinity. On it stands a cozy home, convenient outbuildings and in his fields may be seen at all seasons a good grade of live stock, his many fine cows, horses and swine of high grade quality being one of the main sources of his annual income. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, having started out in life a poor lad and by sheer force of character and indomitable courage forged his way to the front over obstacles that would have crushed many others and he is therefore well deserving of the title of self made man.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Duvall, five daughters and one son, all of whom survive, namely: Edith, who is the wife of Dr. C. S. Holmes, lives in Indianapolis; Effie married George Auble and was a teacher before marriage; Georgia also lives at home; Roscoe married Alpha A. Smith, a graduate of Indiana University at Bloomington and lives at Forest, Indiana. He is a publisher of a paper and an electrician. They are living on a part of the home farm; Hazel married Leonard Langjahr and they live in Lebanon, this county; Lillie married Sumner Leckrone and they also live in Lebanon. The mother of these children was called to her rest February 22, 1913. She was strong mentally, and above the average in esthetic culture, having a great love for art. She was a kind and loving woman.

Politically, Mr. Duvall is a Progressive. He was township assessor for four years and has been township trustee for the past six years, ever discharging his duties as a public servant in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned, and taken an abiding interest in the welfare of Clinton township from the first, doing much for its general improvement. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Mechanicsburg, Mart Lodge No. 413. He and his children are members of the Christian church. The family has long been one of the best known and most highly esteemed in the township.

## JOSEPH M. SWOPE.

Fame may look to the clash of resounding arms for its heroes; history's pages may be filled with a record of the deeds of the so-called great who have deluged the world with blood, destroyed kingdoms, created dynasties and left their names as plague spots upon civilization's escutcheon; the poet may embalm in deathless song the short and simple annals of the poor; but there have been comparatively few to sound the praise of the brave and sturdy pioneer who among the truly great and noble is certainly among the deserving of at least a little space on the category of the immortals. To him more than to any other is civilization indebted for the brightest gem in its diadem, for it was he that blazed the way and acted as vanguard for the mighty army of progress that within the last century has conquered the wilderness and transformed it into a fair and enlightened domain. One of this hardy band, who came to Boone county, Indiana, when it was little developed and sparsely settled was Joseph M. Swope, who was a leading farmer in his day, an influential citizen and a gallant soldier for the Union.

Mr. Swope was born October 10, 1842, in Boone county, Indiana. His father, Ebenezer H. Swope, was born in Estill county, Kentucky, in 1812, and there grew to manhood and in 1830 married Lucinda Robertson, who was born in 1810. She was a daughter of Jesse Robertson, who lived to be ninety-six years of age. His wife was Sarah White before her marriage. Their parents moved to Indiana in 1836, locating in Putnam county. In the spring of 1840 they changed their residence to Boone county, locating a short distance south of Elizaville. Ebenezer H. Swope was a farmer and became one of the successful men of his community, accumulating a handsome competence, including a well-improved and productive farm of two hundred and twenty acres besides valuable personal property. He dealt quite extensively in live stock in connection with general farming. He was a man of strict propriety, his word always being considered as good as his bond in the community where he lived. He was an ardent Republican in his political faith, and his death, which occurred on September 2, 1881, was an event greatly deplored by the people of Clinton township. His widow survived until March 20, 1893, and, like her husband, was greatly missed from the community in which she resided. Their family consisted of the following children: Lewis, born February 7, 1833, died in 1860; Elizabeth, born August



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21, 1835; Sarah A., born October 13, 1837, died in 1860; Jonathan, born August 11, 1840, died in January, 1912; and Joseph M., whose name heads this memoir; Jessie, born November 16, 1844; Mrs. Mary Brinton, born January 1, 1847; Mrs. Serrilda A. Perkins, born September 6, 1851, died in 1879.

The father of Ebenezer H. Swope was Joseph Swope, who was born in Virginia in 1784, and whose death occurred May 26, 1877, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He served as an officer in the War of 1812, and married in Virginia Mary Hines, who was born July 15, 1782, in the Old Dominion. Joseph Swope and family moved to Kentucky about the year 1810, and the death of his wife occurred in that state. The following are the names of their children: Andrew William, Eliza A., Ebenezer H., Helena D. and Catherine S. After the death of the mother of the above named children Joseph Swope married for his second wife Julia A. Robertson, who was born July 27, 1801, in Kentucky, and whose death occurred at the age of eighty-three years.

Joseph M. Swope grew to manhood on the home farm in Boone county, and there he found plenty of hard work to do when he was a boy, and he received his education in the early-day schools of his community; here he was contented to spend his life, and became one of the county's leading farmers and stock men, owning a large and well-improved farm, on which is to be seen an attractive residence and substantial outbuildings. He prospered through good management and the exercise of sound judgment and was a man of industry.

Mr. Swope was married September 17, 1871, to Patsy Garrett, who was born in Montgomery county, Kentucky, May 25, 1854. She is a daughter of Benjamin D. Garrett, who was also a native of Kentucky, his birth having occurred there in the year 1838, and there he grew to manhood and was married to Sarah Gilmore, who was born in Nichols county, that state, in 1828, and there she spent her earlier years. Mrs. Swope grew up in the Blue Grass state and received a good education in the common schools.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Swope four children were born, namely: Orie A., born March 31, 1873; Alva D., born May 28, 1875; Edith, born February 1, 1877, died October 14, 1880; Harlan, born April 20, 1879, died August 12, 1881.

The death of Joseph M. Swope occurred April 3, 1914, when well past his three score and ten, and the entire community feels that it has lost a good and useful citizen.

Mr. Swope was a veteran of the Civil war, having fought gallantly for the Union during its greatest crisis, and before his death his captain paid a high tribute, which is contained in the following article, which we here reproduce from a leading newspaper in Boone county:

"The story of the military experience of Joseph M. Swope, who died last Friday at his home in Clinton township, is set forth in an article written several years ago by the late Felix Shumate, captain of the company in which Mr. Swope was a member. The article, which will be of general interest, follows: 'Joseph M. Swope was a citizen of Elizaville, or near there, when the war of the rebellion broke out, of good family, with only a common school education, and only eighteen years of age. He was more than the average in intellect and a true type of the western soldier. Boy, as he was, he enlisted in my company—I, Tenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, September 18, 1861, at Lebanon, Indiana, and in three days was in front of the Confederate army in Kentucky. He remained a private soldier, preferring that to any promotions, which were offered him on several occasions. Joe, as the boys learned to call him, was honest and conscientious, and made a true soldier in every sense of the word, was never arrested, never in the hospital, and never attended sick call while in the service, made every march his company made, was in every skirmish and battle his company was in, including Mill Springs, and Perryville, Kentucky; Hoover's Gap, Tennessee; Corinth, Mississippi; Chickamauga, Ringgold, Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Adairville, Kingston, New Hope Church, Chattahoochee, Peach Tree Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Lost Mountain, Atlanta, Utah Creek, and all the skirmishes in Sherman's celebrated campaign in Georgia in 1864.'

"I want to mention a few acts of bravery performed by Mr. Swope. Early in 1862, at the battle of Mill Springs, his first baptism in battle, I discovered that he had the peculiar qualities for a good soldier. At Tullahoma, Tennessee, in June, 1862, Joe, with one or two other members of his company, distinguished himself, in the heat of battle, by giving me some valuable information as to a flank movement of the enemy. Also at Perryville, Kentucky, 1863, while my company was making a night attack, he, in company with his comrades, performed a deed which gave the brigade commander

very valuable information as to the position of the enemy. At Chickamauga Joe behaved himself most gallantly, and on Sunday, the twentieth, he performed services that were scarcely equaled in the annals of war. He was detailed, with Wiley Howard, to assist the wounded to the surgeons in the rear, and so well did they do that duty that all the wounded of my company were saved and got back to Chattanooga, and notwithstanding the fact that the army was much broken and scattered and many changes made in the lines, he came off the field that night with the remnant of his company. At Kenesaw Mountain he distinguished himself by standing out in a storm of shot and shell and greatly encouraged his comrades who were feeling blue. At Utah Creek, to the right of Atlanta, when we had charged up close to the Confederate works, and were short of ammunition, and it looked to be just as hazardous to go backward as forward, there came an order to send a man after ammunition. Well, the orderly sergeant raised up and said to the boys that he did not feel like detailing a man to go to death, and asked if any volunteer would go. After a brief pause, Joe informed him that he would go, and go he did, although his comrade that was helping him was knocked senseless by a shell in front of him, Joe returned to the company with the box of cartridges.' "

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#### CHARLES W. SCOTT.

Charles W. Scott, ex-clerk of Boone county circuit court, Indiana, and an enterprising merchant of Lebanon, is of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, January 25, 1847, and was about five years of age when brought by his parents to Lebanon, Boone county, Indiana, where he attended the public schools until he reached the age of seventeen years, when, filled with patriotic ardor, he enlisted to assist in the preservation of the integrity of his beloved country in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry for one hundred days, under Capt. R. A. Williamson. He was seized with chronic diarrhea, however, and for a time was confined in the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, but served out the full time of his enlistment, nevertheless, and on his return home enlisted April 1, 1865, in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Indiana Infantry for

one year. He was assigned to duty in the Shenandoah valley but was again attacked by his old disorder and was confined in the Federal hospital at Stephenson, Virginia, and then again at Cumberland, Maryland, and was sent thence to the general hospital at Claryville, Maryland, whence he went to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he was discharged under general orders in the fall of 1865. He returned home a constitutional wreck and for several months was unable to attend to business and even to this day his health is in a shattered condition. When he had sufficiently recuperated, he joined his father in the mercantile business, but in 1875 sold out his interest and engaged for one year in the jewelry trade, when he again sold out. For four years afterward he clerked for Wilson & Baker, merchants of Lebanon and then for five years was in the grocery business on the north side. In the fall of 1890, he was elected on the Democratic ticket, clerk of the Boone county circuit court, and being a very popular man, received a very large majority and succeeded a Republican in the office.

Mr. Scott was married June 30, 1871, at Lima, Ohio, to Miss Lizzie Kiplinger, daughter of William S. and Mary (Thatcher) Kiplinger. This lady's father was a contractor and builder and constructed many of the best edifices in Lima. Four children have been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Scott and were named John William, Mary Lula, Wallace A. and May Queen, all of whom were born in Lebanon, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of the Methodist church and their daily walk through life shows the sincerity of their religious faith. Mr. Scott served his second term as commander of Rich Mountain Post, No. 42, Grand Army of the Republic, and has held all the chairs in Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 472, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; was also a member of the grand lodge and grand senior warden of the grand encampment of the same order; he is a member of the Independent Order of Red Men, Winnebago Tribe, No. 36, and has filled all the offices in his tribe; likewise is a member of the grand council. As a Knight of Pythias, he is a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 45, and is, moreover, past chancellor of this order and a member of the grand lodge. Mr. Scott is now a resident of Warsaw, Indiana, where he has been living for several years.

The remote ancestors of Charles W. Scott came to America in the colonial days and settled in Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Samuel Scott, moved in his young days to Licking county, Ohio. He had married in

Pennsylvania, Sarah Moore, who bore him five children: Elizabeth J., Joseph, John M., James M. and Sarah C. The third child in the above family, John M., was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1824, and married in Hardin, Ohio, April 19, 1846, Mary A. Blue, daughter of Barnabas and Mary (Hilliard) Blue, the result of which union was seven children, viz: Charles W., whose name opens this sketch; Edward L.; Flora G.; Amanda; Harry B., who died at the age of fourteen years; Hattie, and Lizzie, who died in infancy. Of this family the three first named were born in Ohio and the remaining four in Lebanon, Indiana. His great grandfather, Joseph Scott, was born in Ireland, coming to this country when a young man. His great grandmother, —— (Curry) Scott, was born in Scotland and also came to America in an early day and settled with her parents in Pennsylvania, near her to-be future husband. His grandfather, Samuel Scott, moved in his younger days to Licking county, Ohio, having previously been married to Sarah Moore in Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Barnabas Blue, was born near Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and moved when a boy with his father to Miami county, Ohio, and settled near the present city of Piqua. Mary (Hilliard) Blue was born and reared in and near Cincinnati, Ohio, until fifteen years of age, when her father moved to what is the city of Piqua, Ohio, but at that time the present thriving city consisted of one log cabin which was occupied by a French family.

James M. Scott was apprenticed when fifteen years of age to Mr. Knapp, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, to learn the tailoring trade, his father's contract with Mr. Knapp being that he was to serve until twenty-one years of age and then he was to receive one good suit of jeans clothes and a Bible. After passing four or five years in Logan and Shelby counties, Ohio, he came to Lebanon, Indiana, in 1852 and opened a dry goods store, which he conducted for many years and became one of the best known business men of Boone county. Between 1854 and 1856 he was postmaster of the city, an office he filled to the entire satisfaction of the public. He took a leading part in the building of the Missionary Baptist church in the city, his wife being an ardent member of this denomination. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, but was a stanch supporter of the Union cause during the late Civil war, giving his only son old enough to enlist, Charles W., to the service of the Union cause. Mr. Scott was always active in the promotion of the best interests of the city of Lebanon and erected some of its finest business

blocks, among them, in company with G. W. Baird, the marble front on the corner of Lebanon and Main streets. He took an active interest in educational matters and in everything else that led to the public welfare. The business firms with which he was connected were Scott & McLaughlin, Scott & Baird, Scott & Daily and Scott & Son. His death took place August 31, 1877, but his widow survived until August 2, 1887 and in their demise Lebanon sustained a severe loss.

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#### WILLIAM WALLACE MILLIKAN.

There could be no more comprehensive history written of a community or even of a state and its people, than that which deals with the life work of those, who, by their own endeavor and indomitable energy, have placed themselves where they well deserve the title of "progressive," and in this sketch will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active plodders on the highway of life, one who has not been subdued by the many obstacles and failures that come to every one, but who has made them stepping stones to higher things and at the same time that Mr. Millikan was winning his way to the front in business affairs he was gaining a reputation for uprightness and honor. He is one of the most widely known harness dealers in this section of the state, still maintaining a shop which his father established at Thorntown three-quarters of a century ago, and although he is well past his allotted three score and ten years he is actively and successfully engaged in the work that has claimed his attention since boyhood. He is one of the worthy native sons of Boone county, in fact, is perhaps the oldest native-born citizen in the vicinity of Thorntown. Having had the sagacity to foresee the great future of this locality, he wisely decided to spend his life on his native soil, rather than seek uncertain fortune elsewhere, and he has thus been identified with the growth of the same and has played well his part in its development along all lines.

William Wallace Millikan was born in Thorntown, this county, August 21, 1839. He is a son of Allen and Elizabeth (Gapen) Millikan. The father was a native of North Carolina, from which state he came with his parents, Jonathan Millikan and wife to Indiana in an early day, the parents

locating in Parke county, where they spent the rest of their lives. The maternal grandparents, Zachariah Gapen and wife, were among the earliest settlers of Thorntown, he having come here from Tennessee where he was born. After he located here he conducted a tannery.

The parents of the subject of this sketch were married in Thorntown and here the father established a harness shop in 1838 and here he followed harness and saddle-making until 1863, when his son was admitted into partnership. The business was a success from the first and it continued to grow with advancing years, patrons coming from all over this section of the state. He remained actively engaged until his death April 13, 1880. He was a skilled workman and an honest and industrious man. The last ten years of his life, however, were spent looking after his farm in Sugar Creek township. After his death his son purchased his interest in the harness business.

William W. Millikan grew up in the harness and saddlery business, having begun working in his father's shop when a boy, attending the common schools in his native town during the winter months. This is the only business of its kind in Thorntown. Our subject has added to the harness and saddlery department, trunks, bags, suit-cases, satchels, buggies, etc., having one of the largest, most modernly appointed and important establishments of its kind in this part of the state and a large and lucrative trade is carried on over a wide and ever-growing territory, there continuing a great demand for his products owing to their superiority in quality and workmanship and honesty and promptness in supplying the market.

Mr. Millikan was married November 19, 1868 to Sarah Brown, who was born at LaFayette, Indiana. She was educated in the common schools. She is a daughter of George and Margaret (Swail) Brown, the former a native of northern Ireland and the mother of Scotland. The following children have been born to our subject and wife: John, who lives in Indianapolis; Mrs. Jessie Negley of Susitna, Alaska, where her husband is engaged in merchandising and is the postmaster; Raymond is a traveling salesman and retains Thorntown as his home; Ralph is engaged in business with his father; William died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Millikan is a Progressive and while he has never been especially active as a politician, has exerted considerable influence in local public affairs. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order, including the various degrees

up to and including that of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Murat Temple, Indianapolis. He has attained the thirty-second degree in this time honored order. His son, Raymond, is also a member of the Shrine in Masonry and is a Knights Templar in the same order and a Scottish Rite. Another son, John, is also a member of the Masonic lodge at Thorntown and Scottish Rite and Shrine at Indianapolis.

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#### DOMINICK A. ENDRES.

One of the thrifty, careful German farmers of Boone county is Dominick A. Endres, of Center township, who is now living in retirement. He is a man who believed in doing his work well and never permitting the grass to grow under his feet. He was not only a very careful tiller of the soil, but also understood stock raising, looking carefully not only to the selection of live stock but to the feeding, watering, salting, stabling and the best time of marketing. It is true that the best farmers study the market quotations of stock in the principal cities, and by so doing very often receive the reward of their watchfulness in a much more satisfactory price for their products as well as those of the stock yards. Our subject managed thus not only to get good grades of live stock, but also to get the best prices, and he, therefore, has established a very comfortable home and has a good farm, which was so well managed that abundant harvests were reaped from year to year as a result of his vigilance and good management. But anyone with energy should succeed at farming in Boone county, for here nature has generously bestowed her attractions of climate, soil and scenery to please and gratify man while earning his bread by the "sweat of his brow." Being thus munificently endowed, this locality offers superior inducements to the farmer, and bids him enter her domain and avail himself of her resources.

Mr. Endres was born in Germany in the year 1851. He is a son of Dominick and Kunegunda (Baunach) Endres, both natives of Germany, where they grew to maturity and were married and there resided until 1866. The father was born in 1820 and the mother in 1823. The father learned the cabinet maker's trade when a boy, which he followed in the Fatherland until emigrating with his family to the United States in 1866, when he located

DOMINICK A. ENDRES AND FAMILY





in Illinois on a farm on which he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, both being long since deceased. Their family consisted of five children, all born in Germany, namely: Dominick A., of this sketch; Frank is married and is farming in Kansas; Willibald is married and lives in Kankakee, Illinois, where he is working at the machinist's trade; Fred has remained single and is engaged in the contracting business in Illinois; Mrs. Kunegunda K. Dimmig lives in Iowa and is the wife of a retired farmer.

The subject of this review spent his early boyhood in Germany, being fifteen years of age when he removed with the rest of the family to America. He received his education in the public schools, and worked on the home farm in Illinois for a number of years, coming from that state to Indiana in 1908 and locating in Washington township, Boone county, purchasing three hundred acres of land, known as the Anthony Beck farm, which he operated about three years, then bought seventy-seven acres more just across the road and adjoining his place. Here he farmed on an extensive scale and prospered until 1912, when, having accumulated a handsome competency, he retired from active work and moved to Lebanon, purchasing the Henrietta Fall home, locating a mile north of the city, just outside of the corporation line and here he has since resided, merely overseeing his farm in a general way. He has greatly improved his place by tiling, fencing and erecting buildings.

Mr. Endres was married in 1882 to Maria Sendlebach, who was born in Germany and there reared and educated. She had been the childhood sweetheart of Mr. Endres and she made the long trip from her native land in 1882 to Chatsworth, Illinois, where they were married upon her arrival, our subject being located at that place at that time. They had been born in the same community, were reared as neighbors and were schoolmates. The date of her birth was August 24, 1857.

To our subject and wife eight children have been born, namely: William is married and is renting the seventy-seven acres of his father's farm, which land the road separates from the larger place; Joseph is married and rents the home place of three hundred acres; Theodore is single and is working for his brother Joseph; Philip is single and lives at home with his parents and attends high school in Lebanon; Mary is single and lives at home; Elizabeth married William R. Stewart and lives in Lebanon; Rosa is the youngest and is also a member of the family circle; one child died in early life.

Politically, Mr. Endres is a Democrat, and he and his family are

Roman Catholics in their religious affiliations and are faithful to the mother church. This is one of Boone county's worthiest and most highly respected families.

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### FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS WITHAM.

That life is the most useful and desirable that results in the greatest good to the greatest number, and, although all do not reach the heights to which they aspire, yet in some measure each can win success and make life a blessing to his fellow men. It is not necessary for one to occupy eminent public positions to do so, for in the humbler walks of life there remains much good to be accomplished and many opportunities for the exercise of talents and influence, that in some way will touch the lives of those with whom we come in contact making them better and brighter. In the list of Boone county's useful, helpful, successful and honored citizens, Flavius Josephus Witham, has for a period of forty-five years occupied a prominent place and during that long period he has been of much assistance in promoting the general welfare of his locality and his individual efforts have been crowned with pronounced results, so that he is deserving of our esteem in view of the fact that he is a good citizen, a gallant veteran of the Union army, and a fine type of the self-made man, having forged his way to the front from an early environment none too auspicious. In his record there is much that is commendable and his career forcibly illustrates what a life of energy can accomplish when plans are wisely laid and actions are governed by right principles, noble aims, and high ideals. His actions have ever been the result of conscientious thought, and when once convinced that he is right, no suggestion of policy or personal profit can swerve him from the course he has decided upon. He has the reputation of doing his full duty in all the relations of life, and he is thus entitled to the high respect which is universally accorded him.

Mr. Witham, one of the most progressive and scientific agriculturists this section of Indiana has ever known, was born in Warren county, Ohio, August 17, 1843. He is a son of William and Mercy (Eaton) Witham, the father a native of the same county and state as our subject, but the mother was born in New Jersey. William Witham was born January 11, 1801, and died in Ohio, November 14, 1865; his wife was born May 6, 1803, and died April 30,

1879. They were married in Ohio on April 24, 1823, the Eaton family having removed to the Buckeye state when our subject's mother was young in years. The paternal grandfather, Robert Witham and his brother, Norris, came from the state of Maine and located in Warren county, Ohio, about the year 1779, being thus among the early pioneers of that state. They were both young men, but courageously braved the dangers of Indians, wild beasts and a wilderness, and developed farms, married and reared their families in the new country west of the Alleghanies, which was at that period little known to the people of the New England states. These brothers did much to forward the march of civilization on the frontier, were honest, hard working and successful citizens, and there they both died, grandfather Witham reaching the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

William Witham, father of our subject, devoted his life successfully to general farming in Warren county, Ohio, and his family consisted of the following children, nine in number: Sarah, born March 11, 1824, married Henry I. Bennett, were early pioneers of Boone county, Indiana, and are both now deceased; William H., born August 19, 1825, married Maria Scofield, who is living in Hamilton county, Ohio, he being deceased; Mary A., born December 27, 1827, married James F. Downing, were early settlers of Boone county, and are both now deceased; Rebecca, born August 6, 1830, married John Morgan, spent most of their lives in Ohio, but lived several years in Lebanon, Indiana, and are now both deceased; Robert, born October 15, 1832, went west in 1853 with the gold seekers of that period and nothing has ever been heard of him since, although he is believed to be alive and still in the far west; Sylvester, born February 11, 1835, a soldier in the Civil war, serving in the cavalry known in history as "Merrill's Horse," and was killed by a sharpshooter, August 6, 1862; Ennis, born October 17, 1836, came to Boone county with the subject of this sketch, his brother, in 1869, became owner of three hundred and sixty acres of fine land in Clinton township, was a highly honored citizen, remained single and died here in November, 1911; Martha E., born October 27, 1838, died February 16, 1851; Flavius Josephus, of this review is the youngest of the family and is the only one now living, unless Robert is still alive.

Flavius J. Witham grew up on the home farm in Ohio and there did his share of the work when a boy. He was compelled to work his way through school and is a self-educated man for the most part, and has remained a wide

reader and close observer all his life, being thus an exceptionally well informed man. He remained at home until his marriage, with the exception of his service in the army, the date of his wedding being August 31, 1865, and his bride was known in her maidenhood as Mary L. Duvall, who was born December 25, 1846, in Ohio, and is a daughter of Jacob L. and Nancy E. (Jackson) Duvall, natives of Ohio and Maryland, respectively, but were married in the former state, where they spent their lives engaged in farming and there died, honored and respected by their neighbors and friends. They were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom are still living, all still residents of Ohio except John A. Duvall, of Clinton township, Boone county; Jacob, who lives near Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Martha Bennett, who makes her home with the subject of this sketch, and Mrs. Mary L. Witham.

Mr. Witham moved to Boone county, Indiana, in the fall of 1869, and purchased seventy-nine acres, partly cleared, and on this he built a small shack, improved the land and six years later, in 1877, built a splendid brick residence in which he still lives. He ditched his land and he and his brother, Ennis, having purchased timbered land adjoining, assisted him in clearing and developing it, sold and worked up the timber in various ways and they both prospered with advancing years. Our subject, by the exercise of good judgment, wise foresight and by close application and good management, became one of the most successful and prominent farmers in the county. He added to his original holdings from time to time until he is now owner of two hundred and twenty acres, all in Clinton township, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improvement, making it one of the choice farms of the county and on it is to be seen numerous commodious and convenient outbuildings, in fact, everything about the place denotes thrift, good management and prosperity. Formerly he was an extensive hog raiser and still feeds considerable live stock for the market. Having accumulated a handsome competency and old age coming on, although he is yet hale and active, he merely oversees his large farming interests, having some time ago practically retired from business life. He keeps most of his land rented. He is a heavy stockholder in the Lexington Life Insurance Company of Lebanon, also has large investments in the Building and Loan Company of Lebanon. He was one of the first stockholders of the Rural Loan Association of Boone county, was also a stockholder of the old First National Bank of Kirklin, Clinton county, Indiana.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Witham, only two of whom are living at this writing, namely: Albert, born December 11, 1868, owns eighty acres in Clinton township, Boone county, but is living at home and is a successful farmer; May B., born March 30, 1871, married Malvern Everson Dulin, and they have one child, Jessie, who was born August 17, 1911; Leloy, born December 8, 1886, died December 29th of that year; Gurley, born July 1, 1873, died April 30, 1891; Eva Ruth, born October 12, 1891, died September 12, 1899; Laura Avis, born November 1, 1875, died February 22, 1900.

Politically, Mr. Witham was a Republican until the campaign of 1912, when he became a Progressive. He has long manifested a deep interest in public affairs, but has never sought office. He was one of the organizers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge at Mechanicsburg, Indiana, but is no longer affiliated with the order. He and his wife have traveled extensively in twenty-five different states. They are highly esteemed by their neighbors and many friends, being noted for their old time hospitality and charitable impulses, always manifesting a high Christian spirit in all the relations of life.

Mr. Witham enlisted for service in the Civil war on August 12, 1862, in Company B, Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. John Cretors and Colonel Kennett, and he proved to be a very faithful soldier, but was overtaken by illness in January, 1863, which continued for some time, interfering with his active service. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Rich Mountain Post, at Lebanon, Indiana.

Mr. Witham at one time offered the officials of Boone county the sum of ten thousand dollars to be used for constructing an agricultural high school at Lebanon, also the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, the interest on which should be appropriated for prizes to the students making the best records in domestic science and in growing agricultural products, provided the county would donate seventy acres of land adjoining the city of Lebanon on which the building was to stand and the work of the same to be carried on, also an agricultural demonstration farm, but the proposition was rejected. Later our subject offered to donate twelve thousand five hundred dollars cash if the county would build a county hospital, providing the county officials would spent some thirty-five thousand dollars additional on the hospital. This offer was also rejected. But both the school and the hospital proposed by Mr.

Witham are badly needed and a large number of the county's most progressive citizens have expressed themselves as favoring each proposition, and it is believed the county commissioners will in the near future take appropriate steps in both matters. Mr. Witham is to be highly commended for his interest in the betterment of his county.

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#### GEORGE COULSON.

Since he came to Boone county, over a half century ago, the gentleman of whom this sketch is penned, has been a witness of very important changes in this vicinity, and his reminiscences of the early days here are most interesting and entertaining to a listener. But change is constant and general, generations constantly rising and passing unnoticed away. Clearly it is the duty of posterity as well as a present gratification to place upon the printed page a true record of the lives of those who have preceded us on the stage of action and left to their descendants the memory of their struggles and achievements. The years of our honored subject are a part of the indissoluble chain which links the annals of the past to those of the latter-day progress and prosperity, and the history of Boone county would not be complete without due reference to the long, useful and successful life Mr. Coulson has lived, having been adequately rewarded as an earnest, courageous man of affairs. Generous and big hearted, kindly in disposition, he has never lacked for friends and many of them will peruse his life record written here with deep interest.

George Coulson, veteran of the Civil war, for nearly a half century a druggist and for thirty-eight years agent of the American Express Company at Thorntown, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 30, 1838. He is a son of Jonathan E. and Elizabeth (Spangler) Coulson, both natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Ohio when young and were married there. The father was a carpenter by trade and became a well known builder and contractor of buildings, aqueducts, locks, coffins, etc. In 1857, he sold his property in Ohio and he and his nine children, six girls and three boys, all separated, and George of this review went on horseback to Macon, Illinois, and worked on a farm a few months, then joined his father

at Thorntown and here attended the academy two years and when the Civil war came on he was one of the first to prove his patriotism, enlisting in April, 1861, at LaFayette, Indiana, in Company A, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to West Virginia and took part in the battle of Rich Mountain. Having entered the one hundred day service he was discharged in that state in August, 1861, after which he returned home. In April, 1865, he re-enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was appointed sergeant-major and sent to the army in the Shenandoah valley, Virginia. He was discharged the following August. He was a faithful and courageous soldier for the Union. Returning to Thorntown he clerked in a drug store two years, then served as deputy postmaster under Israel Curry for two years, later started in the drug business in partnership with Dr. O. P. Mahan, which continued three years. Later he sold out to his partner and with his brother, William Coulson, started a drug store here which they conducted four years when our subject bought his brother's interest and has since conducted the business alone, having built up a large and ever-growing trade with the surrounding country and carrying a complete and well-selected stock of standard drugs and drug sundries and having ever dealt fairly and courteously with his many patrons, many of them have remained with him from the first. In 1876 he was appointed local agent of the American Express Company, which agency he has held to the present time, maintaining the office of the same in a part of his store building. His long retention would indicate that he has given the utmost satisfaction to the company.

Mr. Coulson was married December 19, 1872, to Alice E. Millikan, a native of Thorntown, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Allen and Elizabeth (Gapen) Millikan, which well known and highly respected old family is mentioned on another page of this work.

To Mr. and Mrs. Coulson the following children have been born: Ernest and Harry, twins, both died in infancy; Edith is the wife of W. A. Flannigan, of Champaign, Illinois; Earl G. lives in Polson, Montana.

Politically, Mr. Coulson is a Republican but he has never been very active in political matters. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic order at Thorntown and the Chapter and Commandery at Lebanon. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

## DR. JOSEPH O. AIRHART.

In examining the records of self-made men, it will inevitably be found that indefatigable industry has constituted the basis of their success. True, there are other elements which enter into and conserve the advancement of personal interests.—perseverance, determination and expediency,—but the foundation of all achievement is earnest, persistent labor. At the outset of his career, Dr. Joseph O. Airhart, well known and successful veterinary physician and surgeon of Lebanon, Boone county, recognized this fact and did not seek any royal road to the goal of his prosperity and independence, but began to work earnestly and persistently in order to advance himself, and the result is that he is now numbered among the progressive, successful and influential citizens of his community.

Doctor Airhart was born on a farm in White county, Indiana, October 25, 1879. He is a son of Joseph and Nancy (North) Airhart. The grandfather was also Joseph Airhart, and he was born in Butler county, Ohio, where he spent his boyhood days, later coming to Clinton county, Indiana, among the pioneers, entering one hundred and sixty acres of wild land from the government, which he cleared and developed into a good farm. He was also a stone-mason by trade, which he followed in connection with his farming. He remained on his farm until his death, in 1898, when about eighty-seven years old. He was well known over Clinton and White counties and was active in the affairs of the community where he resided. His wife, Margaret, preceded him to the grave in 1862, when in the prime of life.

Joseph Airhart, Jr., father of our subject, was born on the old home-stead in Clinton county, August 5, 1857, and he was reared on the farm and there worked when a boy. During the winter months he attended the district schools. He took up farming and devoted his life to that with a fair measure of success. In 1910 he removed from his native county to Boone county, locating three miles north of Lebanon on a farm of forty-five and one-half acres, and he now owns about one hundred and fifty-two acres all in one tract. He is now living practically retired from active work. Politically, he is a Democrat, and in religious matters is a Methodist. He and Nancy J. North were married in 1875. She was born in White county, Indiana. To this union two children were born, Dr. Joseph O., of this sketch,

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and Sarah C., who was the wife of William Cornell, who was taken by her Savior September 23, 1913.

Doctor Airhart was reared on the home farm and received his early education in the common schools. He remained with his parents on the home place until 1908, when he entered the Indiana Veterinary College at Indianapolis. In the summer of 1909 he studied medicine under Doctor Bonebrake, of Rossville, Indiana, then entered the Terre Haute Veterinary College; then, in the summer of 1910, he read veterinary medicine under Doctor Nelson, of Lebanon. Soon after his graduation, in 1911, he formed a partnership with Dr. A. F. Nelson, of Lebanon, which continued successfully until in the spring of 1913, when Doctor Nelson moved to Indianapolis, when Doctor Airhart moved his office from the Farmers State Bank building to the Davis Brothers' livery barn and has taken Doctor Morrow, of this city, as a partner, and they are enjoying a very satisfactory and rapidly growing practice.

Doctor Airhart is a Democrat, and fraternally, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On September 26, 1907, he was married to Bessie Balser, who was born in Carroll county, Indiana, July 13, 1886, and to this union two children have been born, namely: Levona G., born November 4, 1909, and Loretta Katheryne, born October 30, 1913.

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#### LORING WESLEY MORROW.

Time was, not so very long ago, when veterinary physicians were few and far between. The farmer usually doctored his own live stock according to the knowledge handed down to him by his father and grandfather or from what he had "picked up" from his neighbors or perchance, gleaned from some home doctor book. Now scarcely a thriving farming community can be found without its skilled veterinary, who is regarded just as essential as the home general physician or dentist, and he is therefore enabled to give his attention exclusively to this branch of science and therefore get splendid results. There has been, perhaps, just as marked progress in this field of science as in any other during the decade or two, and its followers no longer depend partly on "guess work" and partly on luck, but go about their tasks knowingly and surely. It is commendable and necessary; in fact, an indispen-

sable profession and is a fine field for the steady, energetic and ambitious young man, holding forth greater rewards than many of the old lines of human endeavor.

One of the most promising veterinary surgeons in this section of the state is Dr. Loring Wesley Morrow, of Lebanon, who, although a young man and only recently made his advent in Boone county, has proven himself well abreast of the times in his particular field of work and has become well established, success following his efforts from the beginning, and we predict for him a bright future. He was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, February 22, 1890, and is a son of Elza F. and Laura E. (Gilpin) Morrow. The father was born in the same locality and county, November 22, 1861, and is a son of Samuel and Nancy Morrow, who were pioneers of Hamilton county, and the name Morrow has been an influential one there for several generations. The grandmother is still living at Zionsville, Indiana, being now advanced in years. Elza F. Morrow grew to manhood on the home farm in his native county, and there worked hard when a boy, and attended the district schools during the winter. He married there and took up farming, which he has followed to the present time in a successful manner. He is now residing northeast of Zionsville, Boone county.

Loring W. Morrow was reared on the farm and assisted his father with the general work on the same. He received his education in the common schools and was graduated from the Westfield High School in 1908. After farming a year he entered the Indiana Veterinary College at Indianapolis. While he attended college he served as hospital assistant to Dr. George H. Roberts, president of the Indiana Veterinary College and manager of the college hospital. While there he made an excellent record and was graduated April 12, 1912. He soon thereafter began practicing his profession at Jolietville, Indiana, but although he was getting a good start, he desired a larger field for the exercise of his talents and removed his office to the city of Lebanon, where he formed a partnership with Dr. Joseph O. Airhart, where they have a rapidly growing and successful practice.

Doctor Morrow was married August 16, 1913, to Mabel M. Higbee, who was born in Boone county December 6, 1893, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated. She is the daughter of Addison and Charity Higbee, a highly respected family of this county.

Politically, Doctor Morrow is a Democrat. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and belongs to the Christian church.

## MAJOR HENRY H. McDOWELL.

Major Henry Harrison McDowell died at his home, Pontiac, Illinois, August 13, 1908, of pneumonia after a brief illness. Major McDowell was born near Crawfordsville, March 6, 1840. His father died while he was but an infant and he received his training from a devoted mother, a woman of high character and revolutionary patriotism. In October, 1850, his mother with a large family, moved to a farm in Livingston county in Illinois, where the young boy toiled and attended common school until 1858 when he returned to Indiana and entered *The Thorntown Academy* where he began a course of study preparatory to entering Wabash College. He was pursuing his studies at this latter place when the firing upon Sumter in April, 1861, took place and he immediately volunteered and became a member of the famous 17th Indiana, commanded by Colonel Milo S. Haskell. He first served in West Virginia. In 1862 reenlisted in the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Illinois, became Sergeant Major, helped to form a part of Buell's grand army which started from Louisville, Kentucky, in the fall of 1862 moved upon Frankfort, Crab Orchard, Perryville, Bowling Green and on to Nashville. Next with the army of the Cumberland under General G. H. Thomas and early in 1863 was promoted to a lieutenancy and the march to Chattanooga and into Atlanta and finally on to the sea with Sherman and was mustered out of the army June, 1865, after the war was over. He was in all the movements of the army from Atlanta to the sea; thence through the Carolinas and at the surrender of General Johnson and his army near Rolla, having served his country three and one-half years. His civil life was as true and faithful as his military. He was a man of ripe experience, an able lawyer, forcible speaker and general in all the relations of life. He was married January 1, 1866, to Miss Emma C. Thayer, of Chicago, who with four children mourn his departure. He will be remembered by some of the oldest citizens as a faithful student in the Old Academy and later as one of the active participants in the reunion held in 1907.

## WILLIAM J. DeVOL.

One man of Boone county who has gained success and recognition for himself is William J. DeVol, who has long held worthy prestige among the leading financiers and progressive business men of this part of the state. Aside from his honorable standing as a man of affairs, there is further



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propriety in according Mr. DeVol specific representation in a work of the province of the one in hand, for he has spent practically his entire life within the borders of Boone county, which has been the scene of the major part of his life's earnest labors, his home being in the beautiful city of Lebanon, where he is at present the head of large and important banking and other business enterprises, and where he also commands the esteem and confidence of all classes and conditions of the populace. And yet he is an unassuming, companionable and straightforward gentleman, manifesting an altruistic spirit toward all with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. DeVol was born August 3, 1867, in Morgan county, Ohio. He is a son of William J. and Frances E. (Adams) DeVol, both parents also natives of Morgan county, Ohio, the father's birth occurring September 19, 1833, and that of the mother on June 24, 1838. They grew to maturity in their native county, were educated in the old-time schools and there they were married and began housekeeping, and resided until 1867, when they removed to Boone county, Indiana, our subject then being an infant. Two other sons were born to these parents, also three daughters, namely: Alice R., now Mrs. Luther Bush, of Boone county; Dennison died in infancy; Rose A. is single and living in Lebanon; Nancy L., who married Nelson Kern, of this county, died July 16, 1912; William J., of this review, was next in order; and Charles, deceased, was the youngest. The death of the father of these children occurred September 12, 1869, on his farm in Center township, Boone county; his widow survived thirty-seven years, dying July 29, 1906.

William J. DeVol was reared on the home farm, where he did his full share of the general work during crop seasons, and during the winter attended the rural schools, later spending two years in the high school in Lebanon and one year in the State University at Bloomington, Indiana. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years old, and when but a boy he turned his attention toward a business career, leaving high school to accept a position in the First National Bank of Lebanon, and on July 15, 1889, took a position as clerk in this institution. On July 13, 1891, he became a director in this bank, and he has made rapid progress in mastering the ins and outs of banking from the first. He was made assistant cashier September 30, 1893, and vice-president January 14, 1896. January 12, 1897, at the age of thirty, found him president, which responsible position he has held ever since, discharging his duties to the eminent satisfaction of the stockholders and patrons; in fact, the pronounced success and rapidly growing prestige of the bank has been due to his able management and to the fact that the people of Lebanon and vicinity repose explicit confidence in his foresight, sound judgment and honesty as well as conservatism. He has also been vice-president of the Citizens Trust Company since August, 1899, also president of the State Bank of Advance since its organization, in 1902. He was one of the principal promoters of the Lebanon Telephone Company in 1894 and has been secretary and treasurer of the same since October, 1901,

also a director since 1895. He is vice-president of the Meridian Life Insurance Company of Indianapolis, is a director of the Oak Hill Cemetery Association, is a trustee of the Bay View Camp Grounds at Bay View, Michigan. In all of these important enterprises he has been a potent factor, their success being due in no small degree to his judicious counsel and keen business acumen and discernment.

Mr. DeVol was married April 17, 1901, to Emma Josephine Buchanan, a lady of culture and refinement, who has always been popular with the best circles in Lebanon and wherever she is known. She is a daughter of James and Cordelia (Wilson) Buchanan, both now deceased. The father was born in 1837 in Waveland, Montgomery county, Indiana, and his death occurred in Indianapolis, Indiana. The mother was born in 1837 in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. DeVol was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and there grew to womanhood and received a good education.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. DeVol has been blessed by the birth of three daughters, namely: Cordelia Frances, Beatrice Eleanor and Virginia Louise.

Politically, Mr. DeVol is a Republican, and while he has ever been deeply interested in public matters, he has never sought public office or endeavored to become a political leader, preferring to devote his attention exclusively to his large business interests and to his home, his commodious and modernly-appointed residence in Lebanon being ever noted among the many friends of the family as a place of genuine hospitality and good cheer. His fraternal association represent the Knights of Pythias and the Sigma Chi college fraternity. He and his family are worthy members of the Christian church, in which he is a deacon, also a choir leader for more than fifteen years, and is active in church and Sunday school work. Thus it will be seen that in the midst of his many strenuous duties as a business man he has not neglected the higher obligations which man owes to his Maker, nor been unmindful of the claims of Christian religion. Personally, he is a gentleman of unblemished reputation and the strictest integrity. He is a vigorous as well as an independent thinker, a wide reader, and he has the courage of his convictions upon all subjects which he investigates. He is also strikingly original and fearless, and cares little for conventionalism or for the sanctity attaching to person or place by reason of artificial distinction, tradition or the accident of birth. He is essentially cosmopolitan in his ideas, a man of the people in all

the term implies, and in the best sense of the word a representative type of that strong American manhood which commands and retains respect by reason of inherent merit, sound sense and correct conduct, making himself a fine type of the truly successful self-made man. Measured by the accepted standard his career, though strenuous, has been eminently useful and honorable, and his life fraught with great good to the world.

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#### JAMES RICHEY.

Nearly all the early pioneers of Boone county, having blazed the path of civilization to this part of the state, have finished their labors and passed from the scene, leaving the country in possession of their descendants and to others who came at a later period and will continue to come to this nature favored region, building on the foundation which the sturdy frontiersmen laid so broad and deep. Among the former class is James Richey, of Washington township, one of our best known citizens, his long, industrious and useful life of nearly three-quarters of a century having been spent in Boone county, his parents being among the earliest to invade the wilderness here and so the career of our subject has linked the first formative period with the opulent present and he has done much to develop and help advertise to the world the wonderful resources of a county that now occupies a proud position among the most progressive and enlightened sections of the great Hoosier commonwealth. Useless to say that Mr. Richey has worked hard and honorably earned the reputation which he has long enjoyed as one of the leading farmers and public-spirited citizens of this locality and it is also needless to add that he is held in the highest esteem by all with whom he comes in contact, for he threw the force of his strong individuality and sterling integrity into making his community what it is and his efforts have not failed of appreciation on the part of the local public. His name will ever be inseparably linked with the county so long honored by his citizenship, whose interests could not have had a more zealous or indefatigable promoter and his influence has ever been exerted to the end that the world might be made better by his presence. And he is entitled to further honor from the fact that he is one of the valiant old soldiers who did what he could in pre-

venting the disruption of the Union during its darkest days a half century ago.

Mr. Richey was born in Washington township, Boone county, Indiana, April 13, 1839. He is a son of John and Sarah (Peck) Richey, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The father was of Scotch-Irish descent and the mother was of German extraction. These parents located in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in 1832, and two years later they established their permanent home in what is now Boone county, enduring the usual hardships and privations incident to pioneer life and by hard work and close application they developed a good farm from the wilderness. The death of the mother of the subject of this sketch occurred in 1859, and the father died in 1883. The farm they settled is owned by our subject. Their family consisted of two sons and three daughters, namely: James, of this sketch; Milton, deceased, married Angeline Thomas, and settled in Iowa; Margaret married David Burns and they settled in Lebanon, this county; Julia Ann married Clinton Lucas, he being now deceased; and Mary, who married Doctor Loftin, lived in Mechanicsburg twenty years, then moved to Frankfort, where the doctor died.

James Richey grew up on the homestead and here he has continued to reside, being contented to remain on the old farm, which he has very carefully looked after and tilled it so skillfully that it has retained its original fertility and is one of the best farms in the township. The place consists of one hundred and fifty-six acres. He has kept the buildings well repaired and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, keeping considerable graded stock.

When the Civil war came on Mr. Richey enlisted in Company D, Seventy-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, August 9, 1862, at LaFayette. He served his full three years' enlistment in a very gallant and faithful manner and saw considerable hard service. He had a horse shot from under him at the battle of Plantersville, Alabama, and was wounded in the right shoulder and left thumb by minie balls. Mr. Richey served his country faithfully and well during almost three years of the Civil war. There were few better soldiers, none more willing to volunteer for hazardous duty or less inclined to shirk the heaviest responsibility. His enlistment papers were signed at Mechanicsburg. Of the thirteen comrades who enlisted at the same time and place, seven returned after the war. After his enlistment, Mr. Richey went

to LaFayette where the regiment rendezvoused. At the beginning of his service, he acted as corporal of Company D. Later he was promoted to orderly sergeant, in which capacity he served for eighteen months. In the winter of '63-4, all the commissioned officers of the company were absent for four months and he served as captain of the squad during that time. In the four months he received twenty-two recruits and had charge of their drilling and disciplining. The regiment to which Mr. Richey belonged participated in sixty-two engagements in the three years of service. At Plantersville, Alabama, there was hand to hand fighting with the enemy for thirty or forty minutes. The Seventy-second boys were armed with the repeating Spencer rifles and these turned the tide of battle on more than one occasion in their favor. In the Plantersville fight, Mr. Richey is certain he killed two of the rebels.

Mr. Richey's most hazardous trip was taken when the brigade was lying near Chattanooga. Orders came from General Wilder to pick a detail of first-class swimmers, six men and a sergeant, to carry important dispatches to Jasper, Alabama. Why the order was for swimmers was never learned, unless it was expected that the men would be compelled to cross bodies of water. The detail was chosen from Company D and placed in charge of Mr. Richey. The men crossed the Cumberland and Walden mountains, swam the Tennessee river, made their way through the rebel lines and safely delivered the dispatches to General Reynolds. The distance covered in making the journey was fifty miles. The detail crossed the Tennessee river afterward and burned the bridge behind them. The Wilson raid saw some of the most severest fighting in which the regiment participated. This raid which began at East Port, Alabama, extended to Macon, Georgia, during which Forest's army was defeated. Mr. Richey was wounded several times, though not seriously. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, June 24, 1865.

Mr. Richey was married on June 5, 1867, to Ann Eliza Olive, who was born in Lebanon, Indiana, October 21, 1846, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Riley) Olive, a well known old family of that city and there Mrs. Richey was reared to womanhood and educated in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Richey are the parents of eight children, three now deceased, namely: Perry, who was born February 15, 1868, died November 26, 1876; Mary O., born April 15, 1877, died September 9th of that year;

Fleta Jane, born June 27, 1882, died June 4, 1913; Frank, born December 8, 1871, lives at home; John R., born April 13, 1874, has remained on the home-stead; Walter M., born August 22, 1879, is also still a member of the family circle; Jessie, born May 14, 1886, married Harry Thompson and lives in Mechanicsburg; and James N., born February 16, 1889, lives in Ft. Wayne.

Politically, Mr. Richey was formerly a stanch Republican, but when the Progressive party came into existence in 1912, he joined that and is enthusiastic in his support of the same.

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#### BEN F. COOMBS.

The biographies of successful men are instructive as guides and incentives to those whose careers are yet to be achieved. The examples they furnish of patient purpose and consecutive endeavor strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish, if he is willing to press forward in the face of all opposition, refusing to be downed by untoward circumstances, thus making stepping-stones of what some would find to be insurmountable stumbling blocks. The gentleman whose life history is herewith, we hope, accurately and succinctly set forth, is a conspicuous example of one who has lived to good purpose and achieved a definite degree of success in the special spheres to which his talents have been devoted. Mr. Coombs has for many years been one of the best known and most enterprising business men of Lebanon and is one of the leading lumbermen in this section of the state. He is a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of Boone county and here he has been content to spend his life.

Mr. Coombs was born in Lebanon, Indiana, April 10, 1861. He is a son of George and Lydia A. (DeBois) Coombs, both natives of Union county, Indiana, where they grew to maturity, were educated and married, and remained there until in 1851, when they removed to Lebanon where they established the future home of the family. George Coombs devoted the earlier years of his life to the mercantile business, maintaining a store in Lebanon for some time, but later took up farming which he followed until his death June 10, 1873. His widow survived nearly forty years, reaching an advanced age, dying January 20, 1912. Both the Coombs and DeBois families came originally from New Jersey.

Ben F. Coombs spent his boyhood days partly in town and partly on the farm and he received his early education in the common schools, including the Lebanon high school. When eighteen years old he began clerking in the Lebanon National Bank, where he remained six years, giving his employers eminent satisfaction. He then launched in the merchandise business in Lebanon, which he followed six years with ever-increasing success, building up a large trade with the city and surrounding country by reason of his honesty and courteous dealings. He kept a retail shoe store, one of the largest in this section of the state. In 1891 he became connected with the Pennell-Coombs Lumber Company, with yards at Lebanon, Jamestown, Advance, Colfax, Shelbyville and Fairland, all doing a large business, also extensive planing mills, sash and door factories, where a large number of men are employed and which are equipped with modern machinery, so that high-grade and superior work is turned out promptly, their products finding a very ready market over a vast territory, which is constantly growing, owing, principally, to the able management and wise foresight of Mr. Coombs. Fine grades of finishing, dressed lumber and rough building lumber, in fact, all kinds of building material is handled, also coal of all kinds. Their business at all the above named yards is rapidly increasing. Mr. Coombs is also a director in the First National Bank of Lebanon, also the Citizens Trust Company of Lebanon, the Campbell, Smith & Ritchie Company, of Lebanon, the Bank of Advance, is vice-president of the Indestructable Wheel Company. He is a heavy stockholder in all the above named concerns and is interested in the Oak Hill Cemetery Company and various other business enterprises, in all of which his judicious and able counsel makes for success. He has been very successful in a financial way and is one of the leading and most substantial men of affairs of Boone county and is regarded as an unassuming, straightforward, trustworthy man of broad and progressive ideas.

Mr. Coombs was twice married, first, December 18, 1883, to Mellie Lane, a daughter of Levi and Pherbia (Hayes) Lane, of Lebanon, and to this union three children were born, John L., deceased, Florence M. and Esther A. The wife and mother was called to her eternal rest August 19, 1897. Mr. Coombs was again married June 5, 1901, to Ethel Campbell, a daughter of George W. and Alice C. (Page) Campbell, one of the prominent families of Lebanon.

Mr. Coombs is a Republican and since attaining his majority has been very faithful in his support of the party, active in political and public affairs

and influential in his county and city. He has served as a member of the Republican County Executive Committee and for some time was a member of the County Jury Commission, and has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. Fraternally, he is a Mason, a member of the Chapter, Commandery and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is a ruling elder and active in all church and Sunday school work. The family is prominent in the best social life of Lebanon and their beautiful home on East Washington street is known for its hospitality.

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#### MRS. ELIZA A. BEARD.

Wholly devoted to home and domestic duties, doing through all the best years of her life the lowly but sacred work that comes within her sphere, there is not much to record concerning the life of the average woman. And yet what situation so dignified, what relation so endearing, what office so holy, tender and ennobling as those of home-making, wifehood and motherhood? A celebrated author once said that the future destiny of a great nation depended upon its wives and mothers. May this not also be said concerning the future that is blood of her blood, and which is incalculable of results and will never be fully known until eternity solves the problem? In the settlement of the great middle west woman bore her full share of hardships, sufferings and vicissitudes, helping man in the rugged toil of wood and field, cheering him when cast down and discouraged, sharing his dangers, mitigating his sufferings, in the end quietly and unostentatiously rejoicing in his success, yet ever keeping herself modestly in the background. As a man's equal in every qualification save the physical, and his superior in the gentle and loving amenities of life, she fully merits a much larger notice than she ordinarily receives. One of the highly esteemed and worthy women of Boone county is Mrs. Eliza A. Beard, widow of Jarrett S. Beard.

Mrs. Beard was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1834, and is a daughter of John and Nancy Nelton, both natives of Ohio also, in which state they grew to maturity, were married and in fact, spent their entire lives there.

They were, like most of the early residents of the old Buckeye state, hard-working, honest and kind people and built for themselves a comfortable home through their enterprise. They have both long been sleeping the last sleep.

Mrs. Beard grew to womanhood in her native state and there received her education in the early-day schools. She has been twice married, both husbands being now deceased. She first married Adam Trimble, in 1865, in Ohio. His death occurred about 1868. To this union two children were born, one of the children dying in infancy; the other, Mrs. Mary C. Hissong, lives on a farm in Worth township, Boone county. This farm belongs to Mrs. Beard, our subject.

The second marriage of the lady whose name heads this sketch was to Jarrett S. Beard, in Illinois, in which state they resided on a farm until 1901, when they removed to Indiana and bought two hundred and four acres near Whitestown, Worth township, Boone county, but they subsequently rented this farm to Mrs. Beard's son-in-law, Mr. Hissong, and took up their residence in Whitestown, but after living there two months moved to Lebanon, buying an attractive home in North Lebanon, where our subject now resides, surrounded by all the comforts of life. Her farm is one of the best in Worth township and has been brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation and on it is to be seen an excellent group of buildings.

To Mrs. Beard and her second husband, one child was born, Charles R. Beard, who lives in Indianapolis. Jarrett S. Beard died in Lebanon about four years ago. He had been married twice before he married our subject, and he had one son by a former wife. He is James Beard and is married and makes his home in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jarrett S. Beard was born in Ohio in 1834, and there grew up and was educated. He devoted his active life to agricultural pursuits. Adam Trimble also spent his early life in Ohio and was living there when the Civil war began. He served in that conflict in an Ohio regiment.

Mrs. Beard is a faithful member of the Baptist church in Lebanon. She is now advanced in years, having attained her four score mile-post, but is comparatively hearty and has a good memory. Her life has been an open book, whose pages have never been soiled by any unwomanly act, according to her close friends. She has done well her part in the world and her career from the beginning has been a simple but beautiful poem of rugged, toilsome duty, faithfully but uncomplainingly performed as maiden, wife and mother.

## MURRAY S. BARKER.

Diversified farming is essential to profitable production and maintenance of soil fertility, but it is necessary to specialize on something to secure a superior standard of excellence. A well diversified farm will have the customary crops that are grown in the locality, together with the usual farm animals, and some one crop or some one animal should be singled out as a specialty. A farmer may take good care of his crops and animals and conduct his business at a profit, but he will find an added enjoyment and an increased profit by giving special attention to some one crop, animal or fowl. Suppose a farmer's specialty is corn. If he does his duty by his pet crop he will raise some of the best, if not the best, corn in the neighborhood. He will not only have greater profits in the ordinary use of the crop, but the demand for his seed corn will enable him to dispose of a large amount of it at better than the average price of seed corn. The necessity of using only the best seed is yearly becoming more appreciated and the man who has the reputation of growing the best corn is the one that seed buyers will seek. The reputation is the reward for building up a specialty. It is well known that the specialty of Murray S. Barker, one of the most progressive of Boone county's young farmers, who owns a valuable model farm in Sugar Creek township, is Black Langshan chickens, which have carried his name throughout the United States. He has done much to improve the poultry of this locality and the results are plainly visible at the local fairs and exhibits. He has given his own reputation to the county and the county will not only continue to be advertised as a result but it will mean much in a material way. It does not make much difference what the specialty is so that it is the one thing in which the owner has the greatest interest. The more one gives his attention to his specialty, the more it will take possession of him and the only danger is that he may in a degree neglect his other stock or crops in his desire to excel in his specialty, but a glance over Mr. Barker's finely cultivated and tastily kept farm will indicate that such has not been the case with him, for everything is done systematically and according to the best and most modern methods. He knows that the mind of the farmer must be as well balanced as the farm affairs, and that with a good mental grasp on the situation a farmer should be able to get great enjoyment and much profit out of his specialty without interfering with the known necessity for diversified farming.

Mr. Barker was born in Sugar Creek township, Boone county, February 16, 1873. He is a son of Isaac N. and Cyrena (Brown) Barker, the former a native of Wayne county, Indiana, and the latter was born in Sugar Creek township, Boone county. After their marriage, the parents of our subject settled on a farm in Sugar Creek township. In connection with general farming, the father made a specialty of raising fine poultry and Berkshire hogs, which he followed until his death, November 3, 1901. He was one of the leading citizens of the county for many years, and he showed his stock at many important fairs and exhibitions and always took premiums, and was generally recognized as one of the leading breeders of the United States.

The subject of this review, the youngest of a family of five children, grew to manhood on the home farm in his native township and there assisted with the general work, paying particular attention to his father's methods of stock raising and, with such a careful and learned preceptor, he laid by valuable information that has stood him well in hand in after years. He received his education in the district schools and when eighteen years of age entered Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana, where he remained four years and made an excellent record for scholarship. He had previously taught school two years. After his graduation from college he taught successfully for five years, first in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he taught chemistry in the high school. He then went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he taught chemistry and physics for three years. In June, 1901, he returned home and went into business with his father and brother raising stock and continued thus for six years on a large scale, when our subject and his brother divided the business, the former devoting his attention more to chickens, which business he thoroughly understood, having literally grown up in the same. So he was successful from the start and in the spring of 1907 he began specializing in raising Black Langshans and is now widely known to poultry fanciers all over the country, there being a great demand for all the chickens he places on the market owing to their superior quality. He has sold either chickens or eggs in every state in the Union but two and in a large number of exhibits of poultry in various cities he has taken many first premiums. He is owner of one of the choicest and most desirable farms in the county, which contains two hundred and seventy acres of fertile and highly improved land which he has brought up to a high state of cultivation, and he is one of the most successful general farmers in Sugar Creek township, operating all his land in an up-

to-date manner and also raising all kinds of live stock on a large scale. He has a commodious and attractive home in the midst of beautiful surroundings and numerous convenient outbuildings, in fact, everything about the place denotes good management, thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Barker was married February 27, 1902, to Anna Roop, a lady of many commendable characteristics, cultured and well educated. She is a native of Shelby county, Ohio. Mrs. Barker attended Antioch College in Ohio for three years, also spent two years in college in Richmond, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Barker have one child, Murray Stanley Barker, born June 26, 1907.

Politically, Mr. Barker is a Republican, and while he is deeply interested and influential in public affairs, has no political ambitions, preferring to devote his attention to his extensive business interests and to his pleasant home. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic Order, No. 113, at Thorntown. He was reared in the Quaker faith from which he has not departed, while Mrs. Barker is a member of the Newlight Christian church. They are prominent in the affairs of the community and pleasant people to know.

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#### J. T. FRANK LAUGHNER.

Life is pleasant to live when we know how to make the most of it. Some people start on their careers as if they had weights on their souls or were afraid to make the necessary effort to live up to a high standard. Others, by not making a proper study of the conditions of existence, or by not having the best of all trainers, good parents, are side-tracked at the outset and never seem thereafter to be able to get back again on the main track. Much depends on the start, just as it does in a race. The horse that gets the best start, all other things being equal, will almost invariably win the race. So in the race of life; if you are properly started with suitable grooming, such as good educational and home training, you will lead in the race in after years and enjoy your existence. Such home influences were thrown about J. T. Frank Laughner, one of the best known and most capable of Boone county's young men, formerly connected with the Citizens Bank at Whitestown, but now the able and popular treasurer of the county. He came from a family



J. Frank Laughner



noted for their sound principles and exemplary habits, seldom any word of reproach being spoken against them since taking up their residence in this locality many years ago.

Mr. Laughner was born in Worth township, Boone county, October 27, 1874, on the home farm and there he grew to manhood, assisting with the general work when of proper age. He is a son of Ambrose M. and Ranna (Neese) Laughner, the father a native of Tennessee, where he spent his earlier years and from which state he came to Boone county when a young man, where he married our subject's mother, who was born and reared in this county. These parents received a common school education and established themselves on a farm in Worth township, acquiring a comfortable home by their thrift and perseverance.

Our subject remained under his parental roof-tree until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to Marion, Indiana, and there entered college, taking the scientific course, also bookkeeping and a commercial course, in all of which he made a splendid record and was graduated from the latter department in 1899, having spent three years there. He then became a teacher of penmanship, which he followed two years, after which he accepted a position with the Muncie Normal school, as principal of the commercial department, which he held most satisfactorily for two years. Later he purchased an interest in a drug store at Whitestown, Indiana, with his brother, Clyde O. Laughner, July, 1901, but not long afterwards he sold his interest to his brother and accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Citizens Bank at Whitestown, filling the same with satisfaction to the officials and stockholders, and in June, 1905, was promoted to the position of cashier of this institution, the duties of which responsible position he continued to discharge in an able and satisfactory manner until January 1, 1914, doing much the meanwhile to increase the prestige and success of this popular bank. Upon severing his connection with the same he assumed his duties as treasurer of Boone county, which office he is now filling in a manner that reflects much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of his constituents and all concerned, being an able, careful, faithful, painstaking and courteous and obliging official, popular with all classes, irrespective of party alignment.

Mr. Laughner was married on May 4, 1897, to Dora Scott, who was born in Worth township, Boone county, where she grew to womanhood and

attended the public schools. She is a daughter of Charles O. and Flora (Bartles) Scott, the former born in Marion county, the mother a native of the state of Louisiana. The union of our subject and wife has been without issue.

Politically, Mr. Laughner is a Democrat and has been more or less active in party affairs for some time. He is also active and influential in church affairs, having been a deacon in the English Lutheran church since 1902 and superintendent of the Sunday school since 1906; in fact, he is regarded as one of the "pillars" of the local church of this denomination. He has been president of the Indiana State Lutheran League since June, 1913, and many commendable comments have been heard as to his work in this connection. He has been a trustee of the Weidner Institute at Mulberry, Indiana, since 1910. He has been secretary and treasurer of the Boone County Sunday School Association since 1912. Mr. Laughner is equally prominent in fraternal circles. He is a member of the Masonic Order at Whitestown and the Chapter at Lebanon, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men, all of Whitestown; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Lebanon, and the Modern Woodmen of America at Whitestown, and has been clerk of the latter since 1910.

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#### SAMUEL L. CASON.

There is nothing in the world more beautiful than the spectacle of a life that has reached its autumn with a harvest of good and useful deeds. It is like the forest in October days when the leaves have borrowed the richest colors of the light and glow in the mellowed sheen of the Indian summer, reflecting in their closing days the radiance of their earthly existence. The man who has lived a clean, useful and self-denying life and has brought into potential exercise the best energies of his mind that he might make the world brighter and better for his being a part of it, while laboring for his individual advancement cannot fail to enjoy a serenity of soul that reveals itself in his manner and conversation. When such a life is preserved in its strength and integrity so that even in age its influence continues unabated, it challenges the admiration of those whose good fortune it is to be brought into contact

with. Such a life has been that of Samuel L. Cason, one of the oldest of Boone county's native-born citizens, who has been a life-long resident here, for many decades a well known merchant in Lebanon in which city he is now living in retirement and is nearing his four score years. He has ever had the interests of this locality at heart and has sought to promote the same in every way possible. He grew up in the interesting pioneer period and tells many interesting things of the early development of the county. He has played no inconspicuous part in the affairs of the county. His life has been



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noted for its sterling honesty, industry and devotion to family, church and to the best public interests, so he can now look backward with no compunction for misdeeds and forward to the mystic Beyond with no fear. Such a life merits a record of its deeds that the debt due it may be acknowledged and that it may serve as a stimulus to others to endeavor to emulate it. But his record is too familiar to the people of the locality of which this history deals to require any fulsome encomium here, his life work speaking for itself in stronger terms than the biographer could employ in polished periods. There is no doubt but that Mr. Cason's long life has been due to his conservative

habits, wholesome living and pure thinking. He has ever been known for his hospitality, his many acts of kindness springing from his largeness of heart rather than from any desire to gain the plaudits of his fellow men or for any personal motive.

Mr. Cason was born in Washington township, Boone county, June 7, 1835. He is a son of James and Margaret (Rutherford) Cason, the father a native of South Carolina and the mother a native of Pennsylvania. These families all located first in Ohio, later removing to Union county, Indiana, where they settled on a farm, although the elder Cason was a carpenter by trade. In that county two of his children were born. The family left there in 1832 for Boone county, making the tedious journey in a wagon drawn by a team of horses and a yoke of oxen. They were ten days on the road and it rained every day but one. The somewhat hazardous trip was never forgotten by the members of the family. They found a hunter who had dropped his gun in a deep hole. Mr. Cason secured the weapon for him by tying a pair of steelyards to the end of a pole and pulled the gun out by one of the hooks on the steelyards. As the emigrants were crossing Prairie creek in Boone county, the wagon was overturned by the wheel striking a stump and the occupants were thrown into the water. Those occupying the wagon were the mother of our subject, two children and Sarah Burckhalter, who married David Kenworthy later. They were all duly rescued, fires were built by which their clothing was dried and they camped there over night. They came on and located on land which James Cason was supposed to have entered from the government in 1831, but later they were compelled to move one-eighth of a mile for they had by mistake located on land belonging to Colonel Mills. They established their permanent home two and one-half miles southeast of what is now Thorntown, on one hundred fifty-eight and one-half acres, all timbered. Their neighbors were few and far between and the family endured the usual hardships and privations of frontiersmen. They cleared a space on which they built a log cabin, erecting a stick-and-mud chimney, leaving the floor dirt, and in this they lived some time, later adding to it, floored it and put up doors and windows. The noble mother spent many nights alone with her two babies while her husband was to mill, braving the perils of Indians and wild beasts alone. All the while, James Cason was clearing and improving his land with the help of two of his wife's brothers and a cousin. He eventually became one of the leading

farmers of this part of the county and remained on this place until the fall of 1865, when he removed to Thorntown where he spent the rest of his days and died January 31, 1874, his widow dying later in Lebanon. They were the parents of nine children, only two of whom are living at this writing, Samuel L., of this review and Sarah A., widow of John M. Bennett, of Elwood, Indiana. The family became well known in the county and was always highly respected.

Samuel L. Cason grew to manhood amid pioneer surroundings and he worked hard when a boy assisting his father clear and develop the old home-stead and he received such educational advantages as the early-day rural schools afforded. He remained with his parents until the fall of 1863 when he moved to Lebanon and engaged in the grocery business. By the exercise of good judgment, honest dealings and courteous treatment of his customers he enjoyed a large trade and prospered with advancing years. In 1873, he erected a substantial business block here and in this conducted his grocery with ever-increasing success until 1903 when he was burned out. The following year he erected his present modern, commodious and attractive office and store building, one of the best business blocks in Lebanon, and since then he has lived retired in his beautiful home here. He made a pronounced success of his life work and is rated as one of the substantial men financially of Boone county.

Mr. Cason was married November 22, 1863, to Louisa Cooper, who was born in Sugar Creek township, this county, and here grew to womanhood and was educated. She was a daughter of Edghill and Elisa (Bennett) Cooper. Her mother was a daughter of Frederick and Massa (Sutton) Bennett, the father being a native of Ohio. The union of our subject and wife has been without issue. The wife of our subject was called to her eternal rest March 7, 1910, at an advanced age. She proved to be an excellent helpmeet and was greatly beloved by her neighbors and many friends owing to her many commendable qualities of head and heart.

Politically, Mr. Cason is a Republican and has been more or less influential in public affairs for many years. He served as city councilman of Lebanon for many years. In religious matters he is a member of the Baptist church and a liberal supporter of the same. He is well preserved for a man his age and is a companionable, kind and pleasant gentleman whom everybody highly esteems.

## WILLIAM B. CROSE.

This is a time of progress and development. Old methods are being revised, and old or previously accepted facts are being examined and questioned as never before. "Every man to his business," no longer means that the knowledge of others is to be ignored by the successful business man. The man who succeeds, whether he be a farmer, merchant or manufacturer, knows more of his business than an outsider can know; but this does not mean that the successful business man may not learn many useful and profitable facts and principles from the outsider who has made a thorough study of a large number of business establishments and their methods.

One of the progressive citizens of Eagle township, Boone county, who has sought helpful information from every source, and has had the tact to apply the same is William B. Crose, proprietor of Maple Park Farm, where he successfully carries on general farming, stock raising and dairying, his valuable place containing two hundred and eight acres, all under a high state of improvement and cultivation, and on which stands a modern residence and outbuildings of a present day type of convenience.

Mr. Crose was born in Washington township, Boone county, February 2, 1860, a son of David Crose, a well-known early settler here, who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in 1835. David Crose was a son of Benjamin Crose, who was born in Kentucky in 1813, where he spent his earlier years and married, and in 1830 he and his wife emigrated to Tippecanoe county, and there their son David grew to manhood and married Martha E. Bovee, who was born in 1841, and whose death occurred at the age of seventy-two years.

The father of our subject reached the age of seventy-seven years. Their family consisted of ten children, namely: Marion F., William B., Mary E., Clement L., Cynthia Ella, James W., Sarah A., Pearly A., Edgar L., and Walter F.

William B. Crose was reared on the home farm and worked during the summer months for his father, and during the winter attended the district schools, and for two years taught school. On August 9, 1882, he married Mrs. Lillie A. Shaw, widow of David Shaw. He was born February 6, 1847. A history of the Shaw family appears on another page of this work.

The death of David Shaw occurred October 3, 1877, at the age of thirty years. Mrs. Crose is a daughter of Charles F. and Mary (DeLong) Foreman. The death of the mother occurred in 1897. The father is still living, and resides in Zionsville. Mr. Foreman is now eighty-two years old; but is a well-preserved man. He has made a success in life's affairs, and has lived an upright and useful life.

Mr. Crose has devoted his life to general farming and stock raising. His present place is one of the most desirable in Eagle township. Everything is up-to-the-date. He has two large barns, his general barn being thirty-six by seventy-six feet, and his dairy barn is thirty-six by eighty-two feet. Everything about his barn is sanitary and has been arranged with a view to the comfort and proper care of live stock. He keeps an excellent grade of cows, and finds a ready market for all his dairy products, owing to their superior quality. His is a model twentieth century farm in every respect.

Our subject and wife have no children of their own; but have reared other children. Mr. and Mrs. Crose are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and have been for many years. They are both very active in church affairs. Mr. Crose has been the superintendent of the Salem Sunday school for a period of twenty-five years. He is one of the leaders of Methodism in this section of the state and has given liberally of his time and means to its interests. He has been a trustee and steward in the local congregation for years; while his wife has been devoted to missionary and temperance work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crose are popular with the best circles in the southern part of the county where they reside, and their beautiful and well-furnished home is known to their many friends as a place of old-time hospitality and good cheer. They are well informed, genial, obliging and pleasant people to meet. Mr. Crose has been a life-long Democrat. He is a man of strong moral convictions and temperance sentiments. He has always been upon the right side of the temperance question, and has worked hard for the suppression of the saloon.

At this writing the Methodist church on Mr. Crose's farm, known as the Salem church, is undergoing extensive repairs, and Mr. and Mrs. Crose are giving largely of their means toward the enterprise. Mr. Crose being one of the trustees and also chairman and treasurer of the building committee.

## JOHN THOMAS YOUNG.

Every time the grain farmer hauls a load of his crops to market, he draws away a part of the value of his farm. If the fertility of the soil is to be maintained, the elements removed must be replaced. The four elements removed by growing crops which oftentimes exist in such limited quantities that they must be replaced, if the crops are to continue to do their best, are nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and calcium, or lime. The nitrogen is found in the humus, or decaying vegetable matter of the soil, while the other elements are found principally in mineral combination. A different amount of the plant food is removed by different crops from the soil, the value of this plant food may be measured and provided for by the farmer who is willing to study closely the rotation of crops and a number of other phases of modern agriculture. One of the tillers of the soil in Boone county who understands these and other necessary subjects is John Thomas Young, one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers of Eagle township, proprietor of Sunny Slope Farm, near Zionsville.

Mr. Young was born October 3, 1843 in Fleming county, Kentucky, on a farm, and is a son of James Hardy Young, also a native of that county where he grew up, was educated and married and established his home on a farm, becoming a prominent planter, owning a large plantation, and was well-to-do and influential. He married Manda Jane Taylor, also a native of that locality and a daughter of Joshua Taylor, a prominent farmer. The parents of our subject removed in 1852 to Rush county, Indiana, where they spent the rest of their lives and are buried there. To them seven children were born, namely: John Thomas of this sketch; Adalade is deceased; James Monroe, who was a soldier in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, lives in Rush county; Joshua is deceased; Susan Amanda; Sarah Elizabeth and Mary.

John Thomas Young was nine years old when he removed with the rest of the family from the Blue Grass state to Rush county, Indiana. He grew to manhood on the farm and helped with the work, and he received his education in the rural schools, part of the time attending school in a log schoolhouse. His father was married a second time, his last wife being Elizabeth Brown, and to them five children were born, namely: Jane, Elizabeth, Robert,

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MRS. JOHN T. YOUNG





Albert and Alberta, twins. The death of James H. Young, the father, occurred at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

When twenty-three years old our subject married Delsie C. Portner, of Taswell county, Virginia. They moved to Morgan county, Kentucky, where she grew to womanhood and was educated. Her family is of English descent.

In 1888 Mr. Young went to Cherokee county, Kansas, later returning to Indiana and rented one hundred and eighty acres in Hamilton county. There he remained until 1896 when he came to Eagle township, Boone county, where he purchased his present finely improved farm, which consists of sixteen and a quarter acres, and on which stand an attractive dwelling and substantial outbuildings.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Young, namely: Olie Lee, who married William Morgan, lives at Anderson, Indiana; Frank is at home; and Oma Gene is deceased. Mrs. Young died February 18, 1912.

Politically, Mr. Young is a Democrat, and religiously he belongs to the Methodist church as did his wife.

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#### FOREST G. BRUSH, D. D. S.

The profession of dentistry has an able exponent in Boone county in the person of Dr. Forest G. Brush, of Zionsville, Indiana, who, because of his skill and long years of practice here is well known throughout the locality and who ranks high among his professional brethren in this section of the Hoosier state, being a member of the Indiana State Dental Society and local societies; for he was, it seems, well adapted by nature for the vocation which has long claimed his undivided attention, being, in the first place, a student, so that he has kept well abreast of the times in everything that pertains to his work, and he is also the possessor of those personal traits which one must have in order to be popular with the masses. He is a man to be depended upon, and his hundreds of patients know that they can repose the utmost confidence in him and rely upon his judgment. He is also of a sociable and optimistic nature; he believes in finding the silver lining to every cloud, maintaining with the poet Riley, that all clouds have such, and that the obstacles we daily encounter on the road of life should but serve to arouse our com-

bative nature and cause us to accomplish more rather than yield to the perverse rulings of fate.

Dr. Brush was born in Jamestown, Boone county, Indiana, August 26, 1877. He is a son of Henry C. and Fanny A. (Davis) Brush. Owing to the prominence of the family the biographer deems it advisable here to give its history in some detail before proceeding with that of the immediate subject of this article.

Henry C. Brush is a venerable veteran of the Civil war, a substantial farmer and honored citizen of Lebanon, Boone county. He is a descendant of sterling Scotch and old colonial stock, originally of the state of New York. John Brush, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, in which two of his brothers also fought and were killed at the battle of Cowpens. He married Elizabeth Todd and to them seven children were born, named as follows: George, Blakley, David, James, Jane, Nancy and Mary. The family eventually left the Blue Grass state and settled near Waveland, Montgomery county, Indiana, among the pioneers and there grandfather Brush passed the remainder of his days. He became a prosperous farmer and gave to each of his children one hundred and sixty acres of land. He was a typical frontiersman, brave, courageous, hard-working, hospitable, was a Whig in politics and an influential man in his community.

James Brush, grandfather of our subject, was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, on a farm, in the year 1811, and he was nine years old when his parents brought him to Indiana. He was reared amid pioneer environments and worked hard assisting his father develop the home farm. Upon reaching manhood he married Elizabeth McCormick, and they began housekeeping near Ladoga, Montgomery county, and there they remained until he retired from active life. He then removed to Jamestown, Boone county. To these parents seven children were born, namely: John A., Ann, Elizabeth, Jennie, Sallie, Eliza and Henry C., all born on the farm in Montgomery county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brush were members of the Methodist Episcopal church in which he was a class leader and steward. He was a Henry Clay Whig in politics, and later a Republican and a strong Union man. During the Civil war he had two sons, John A. and Henry C. in the Federal army. The former served in the famous Eleventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry under Col. Lew Wallace, who became a famous general, author and statesman. Later John A. Brush served in the Second Indiana Cavalry until the close

of the war, taking part in many battles. The military record of Henry C. Brush will be referred to in a later paragraph. His father, James Brush, spent the rest of his days in Boone county, dying here at the age of seventy years, an honored and respected man.

Henry C. Brush was born January 15, 1847, in Montgomery county, as intimated in the above paragraph, and there he grew to manhood on the home farm and received the usual common school education of those early days. During the last of the Civil war he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Sixteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in response to a call for six months men, under Capt. Robert W. Harrison and Col. William C. Kise. After a service of seven months he was honorably discharged at Lafayette, Indiana, March 1, 1864. He was with the army in eastern Tennessee, during which time he participated in the battles of Blue Springs, Greenville, Knoxville, Walker's Ford and Tazewell, proving to be a very faithful defender of the Union. He was also in a number of hot skirmishes and did a great deal of hard marching. He was at the front all the while with the exception of one week when he was confined to the hospital at Knoxville. He was in all the battles, skirmishes and marches in which his regiment was engaged during that period, and although he was but a little over seventeen years of age when he returned home he conducted himself like a veteran while in the service of his country. He then entered the high school at Ladoga, later spent one term in school at Greencastle, this state. On June 24, 1869, he was married in Hendricks county to Fanny A. Davis, a daughter of Walter and Mary M. (Spears) Davis. Her father was born in Montgomery county, Kentucky, December 12, 1823, and was a pioneer and wealthy farmer of Hendricks county. He was of Welsh descent, and the Spears family was of Scotch extraction. Walter Davis and wife reared the following children: John S., Quincy A., Martha E., Nancy A., Robert F., Fanny A., and Charles E. After the death of the mother of the above named children, Walter Davis married Mary A. Scott, and to this union five children were born, namely: Walter S., Lorenzo D., Thomas, Myrtle and Edgar L. The father, Walter Davis, was a Republican in politics, and he belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church in which he took a very active interest, having been identified with its membership from the age of nineteen years until his death. In 1835 he moved with his father to Eel River township, Hend-

ricks county and there he spent the rest of his life, dying there January 11, 1893. Two of his sons were graduated from DePauw University at Greencastle, one of whom, Walter S., later took a post-graduate course at Cornell University, also in Germany and only recently won high honors in Chicago University. John S. Davis was a soldier in the Fifty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the raid of General Straight and he died of sickness during the service and was buried in the National Cemetery at Nashville, Tennessee. He was but twenty-one years of age. He was a devout Christian. Quincy A. Davis was also a soldier in an Indiana regiment during the war between the states.

Soon after their marriage Henry C. Brush and wife located on a farm near Jamestown, Boone county, on which they remained three years, then moved to Jamestown where they lived eight years. In 1879 they moved to Lebanon where they still reside. There Mr. Brush has been successfully engaged in the livery business, also in buying and shipping horses, doing a large business in the latter for many years, but more recently he has devoted his attention to dealing in live stock, feeding large numbers for the market, from time to time, also in farming. He has exercised sound judgment in his affairs and has been very successful in a material way and ranks among the substantial citizens of the county, is widely known and highly respected by all. Politically, he is a stanch Republican. He is a worthy member of the Masonic Order, Boone Lodge No. 9. He is also a non-affiliating member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He holds membership in the Rich Mountain Post, Grand Army of the Republic at Lebanon. He and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Six children were born to Henry C. Brush and wife, named as follows: Mrs. Ada M. Stonecipher, who lives in Lebanon; Laura died when six years old; Otto T. died when seven years of age; Dr. Forest G., of this sketch; Jewel died in infancy; and Mrs. Eva L. Cox, of Danville, Illinois. The father, Henry C. Brush, owns valuable real estate in Lebanon, including a handsome residence, also a valuable farm near that city. He is known for his integrity, honest dealings and public-spirit, and his wife, who has been a true helpmeet, is a woman of refined tastes and many praiseworthy characteristics.

Dr. Forest G. Brush was reared in Lebanon where he received his education in the public and high schools. He entered the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis in 1899, where he made an excellent record and from which he was graduated with honors in 1901, ranking among the first in his class. Soon thereafter he returned to Boone county and located for practice in Zionsville where he has since remained, enjoying a large, lucrative and ever-increasing practice, many of his patrons coming from remote parts of the country. He has a neat and modernly equipped office where high-grade work is promptly and satisfactorily done, the latest and most approved methods being employed. Politically, Dr. Brush is a Republican and fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Brush was married November 22, 1903, to Lynn Belle Richardson, a native of Hamilton county, this state, and a daughter of W. J. and Sarah E. (Walker) Richardson. The father was born December 7, 1855, and is a son of George and Margaret Richardson, the former born in 1830, and the latter in 1833. Mrs. Sarah E. Richardson was born in Clay county, Indiana, February 14, 1861, and is a daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Walker. The latter was born January 24, 1824. She first married David Walker and after his death she married his brother Thomas Walker, who was born June 4, 1815. To this last union two children were born, Thomas and Sarah E. The latter married W. J. Richardson in 1881, and six children were born to them, named as follows: Edward, born March 21, 1882, married Lulu Barnes; Lynn Belle, born March 16, 1884, is the wife of Dr. Brush of this sketch; Josephine May, born February 16, 1886, married O. B. Harvey, a well-to-do farmer, and they have one son, Beeson Harvey; George, born March 26, 1888, married Lulu Davidson; William Clark, born September 6, 1890, who has remained single, is practicing dentistry at Francesville, Pulaski county, Indiana; Ruth, born November 20, 1892, died January 14, 1894.

To Dr. Brush and wife one child has been born, Richard Clayton Brush, whose birth occurred September 20, 1905. He is an exceptionally promising lad, is a favorite among his little companions, is another Eddie Foy, has a remarkably plastic mind, and can quote quite extensively from the Bible. Our subject and wife are pleasant people to meet, genial, refined, well read and obliging; they are popular with the best circles of Zionsville, and have made a host of friends throughout the southern part of the county since locating here.

## WILLIAM EVANS WHITTINGHILL.

It is the pride of the inhabitants of this country that when the titanic struggle between the states closed in 1865 all the vast army of citizen soldiery quietly laid down their arms and returned to the pursuits of peace. It was predicted by the governments of Europe, not only that the country would be divided, but that after the war an enormous army would be kept up and a military dictatorship would be established perhaps, on the fragments of every state. Foreign nations did not understand the spirit of the people of this country, that is the spirit of the people in all the free states. They could not understand how we could come to love the name of liberty and be willing to sacrifice so much blood and treasure to save a country founded upon the rock of freedom. In view of these misguided ideas the most of the foreign nations stood ready to pounce upon the fragments when the smoke of war had rolled away. But they saw a splendid sight. They saw the great armies melt away, saw a reunited country in which liberty was a fact as well as a name, and saw the soldiers return to their farms, work-shops, mills and various other vocations. One of this number was William Evans Whittinghill, a gallant defender of the Union, who has long been an honored citizen of Boone county, where he has engaged in various pursuits with success and aided in many ways in the general upbuilding of the locality.

Mr. Whittinghill was born August 9, 1849, in Mercer county, Kentucky. He is a son of Robertson and Lucretia (Salee) Whittinghill. The father was born in the same county and state, June 14, 1814, and was a son of George and Mary (Gabhart) Whittinghill. The former was a native of Holland, from which country he emigrated to America when a young man, located in Kentucky in pioneer days and there became a large land owner, also owned land in Virginia and Indiana. He was a millwright by trade, and two mills which he built on Salt river, Mercer county, Kentucky are still standing. His wife was a native of Scotland. Robertson Whittinghill was reared in the Blue Grass state, and he devoted his life successfully to milling and farming, becoming owner of nearly one hundred acres of land. He was one of the extensive hemp growers of his country. He was opposed to negro slavery, was a Whig, later a Republican in politics, and in religion

a Baptist. He was a man of much business ability and was highly respected for his industry, honesty and hospitality. His death occurred November 29, 1891. He and Lucretia Salee were married February 20, 1834. She was born June 30, 1816, in Mercer county, Kentucky, and was a daughter of Shateen and Elizabeth (Burns) Salee, pioneers of Kentucky. Her death occurred November 3, 1909, at an advanced age, after a useful and model Christian life.

William E. Whittinghill was reared on the parental acres which he worked when a boy, and he attended the common schools in his native community, remaining on the farm in Mercer county, Kentucky until 1861, when, on March 27th of that memorable year he enlisted in Company B, Fourth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, in which he saw much hard service. He was in the battle of Mills Springs, Bowling Fork, and fought from Nashville to Chattanooga, was in the great battles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, also Ringgold, after which the entire regiment was given a thirty days' furlough to Louisville, Kentucky. Then he re-enlisted in January, 1864, in the same company and regiment, mounted. They joined Sherman at Kenesaw Mountain, and was in numerous engagements around there. On July 29, 1864, the regiment made a raid in the rear of the Confederate army and was captured, only a few escaping. Our subject was sent to Andersonville prison where he remained four months and thirteen days, enduring the cruelty, hunger and general horrors which he says are indescribable. While there he contracted a disease from which he has never recovered. He was a mere skeleton upon his release. But nothing daunted he rejoined his regiment near Nashville, and fought in that battle, in fact, took part in all the engagements of the regiment in the second Atlanta campaign, which terminated at Macon, Georgia, in May, 1865. He was with the troops that captured Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, near the city of Macon when he attempted to pass through the Union lines. Our subject was mustered out August 20, 1865, being honorably discharged at Louisville, ten days later. He soon thereafter returned to his father's farm in Mercer county, Kentucky, where he worked until September, 1868, when he came to Johnson county, Indiana, locating on a farm one mile northeast of Franklin where he remained two years then went to Clay county, Kansas, thence to Monroe county, Missouri, where he engaged in the cattle business for two years, then came back to Indiana and located in Scott county where he

engaged in the dry-goods business, also handled groceries, until 1880, then began the milling business at Scottsburg. In 1889 he moved to Boone county, locating on a farm of one hundred and ninety-three acres, seven miles southwest of Lebanon, and although he now lives in the county-seat he still manages this finely improved and valuable farm. He also owns one hundred and thirty-five acres in Hendricks county. He left the farm and moved to his pleasant home in Lebanon in 1900. He has been very successful in all his business ventures and is one of the substantial men of Boone county and an excellent citizen in every respect.

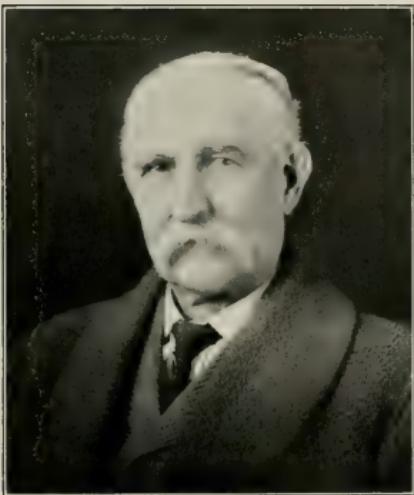
Mr. Whittinghill was married November 30, 1875, to Luira V. Wardell, who was born in Scott county, Indiana, August 9, 1858, and there grew to womanhood and was educated, being a daughter of a highly respected old family of that locality. To our subject and wife four children have been born, namely: Ota E., who is engaged in the newspaper business at Redkey, Jay county; Harry R. is farming in Hendricks county; Hazel F. is at home; and Ira M. is the wife of C. Roark, of Lebanon.

Politically, Mr. Whittinghill is a staunch Republican, and religiously he is a member of the Central Christian church. He belongs to Rich Mountain Post, No. 42, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is past commander. He is a member of Celestial Lodge No. 525, Free and Accepted Masons, at Whitestown; also is a member of Ben Adhem Lodge No. 472 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past grand of the local lodge.

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#### JACOB SHEPLAR COBB.

It will always be a mark of distinction to have served the Union during the great war between the states. The old soldier will receive attention no matter where he goes if he will but make himself known. And when he passes away, as so many of them are now doing, friends will pay him suitable eulogy for the heroic sacrifices he made a half century ago on the sanguinary fields of battle in the Southland, or in the no less dreaded prison, fever camp or hospital. And ever afterward his descendants will revere his memory and take pride in recounting his services to his country in its hour of peril. One of the most eligible citizens for specific mention in a history of Boone county is Jacob Sheplar Cobb, for many years one of our leading



JACOB S. CORB



farmers and school teachers, who, having accumulated valuable property and an ample competency to insure his old age from want, is now spending his time in retirement in his cozy home in the city of Lebanon. He is deserving of our attention here partly because he is one of the old soldiers who went forth in that great crisis in the sixties to assist in saving the nation from disunion and treason, and partly because he has been one of our honorable and public-spirited citizens for a number of decades, a plain, honest gentleman who has sought to do his duty in all the relations of life as he has seen and understood the right.

Mr. Cobb was born near Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, August 25, 1841. He is a son of William and Mary (Copeland) Cobb. The father was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, in December, 1809, and was a son of William and Catherine (Strawsbaugh) Cobb. William Cobb was born in England, and was a ship-builder by trade. After emigrating to America he taught school for a number of years, also engaged in farming. William Cobb, Jr., was a carpenter and farmer and he moved with his parents to Harrison county, Ohio, in 1813, being thus among the early settlers there. He continued to follow his trade until his death in 1877, and was a highly skilled workman. Politically, he was a Democrat, was justice of the peace in Ohio for twelve years, and in religious matters he was a Methodist. In 1853 he came to Boone county, Indiana, and purchased two hundred and forty acres, and became a leading farmer here. He also served eight years as justice of the peace here, and was an influential man in his community. He and Mary (Copeland) were married near Cadiz, Ohio. She was born in Harrison county, Ohio, October 10, 1816, and her death occurred in Boone county, Indiana, November 17, 1872.

Jacob S. Cobb grew to manhood on the home farm and there worked hard when a boy. He received a common school education, and after the war spent two years as a student in the Thorntown Academy, being a pupil under Prof. John C. Ridpath, the famous historian.

Mr. Cobb enlisted August 10, 1861 in Company A, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and saw considerable hard service and proved to be a gallant soldier for the government. He was in the following engagements: Mill's Springs, Pittsburg Landing, siege of Corinth, Perrysville, Salt River, Hoover's Gap. He was then taken from his company and made drum major of the regiment's band. He had charge of twenty-two men, and during a battle he

and his men assisted in caring for the wounded. He remained with the regiment, and participated in seventeen hard-fought battles, being honorably discharged as drum major, September 20, 1864.

Returning home Mr. Cobb attended school awhile then began teaching which profession he followed with much success for a period of thirteen years, during which his services were in great demand, for he was a man of progressive methods and an able instructor. He bought forty acres of land in Boone county which he cleared and improved, adding to same until he had ninety-three acres, which he operated with gratifying results. He recently sold his farm and now lives in his home in Lebanon, also owns considerable other valuable city property which he rents.

Mr. Cobb was married September 30, 1869 to Ella Lowe, who was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, October 18, 1844. She proved to be a faithful and sympathetic helpmeet, and, like our subject, numbers her friends by the scores. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, all still living but one, namely: Frank A., a blacksmith of Washington township; Florence is the wife of Lon Barnes, a farmer of Center township; John E. is deceased; James E. is a farmer of Washington township; Nellie is the wife of George I. Bienfang, of New York City; Fred is at home; Mary is the wife of J. H. Beldon of Buffalo, New York; Verner J. is at home.

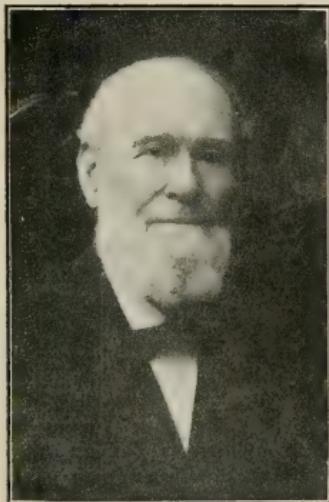
Politically, Mr. Cobb is a Democrat and has long been active in political matters. He served as sheriff of Boone county in an able and highly acceptable manner for two years, 1885-86. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic Order, and he belongs to Rich Mountain Post, No. 42, Grand Army of the Republic of which he is now adjutant.

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#### HON. JOHN MAXWELL COWAN.

One of the most representative members of the bar in Boone county and western Indiana for many years following the Civil war period and one of the men whose name is eminently entitled to a conspicuous place in the history of this county is Hon. John Maxwell Cowan, which venerable and distinguished citizen is now living in Springfield, Missouri, Heaven having bounteously lengthened out his life until he has attained his ninety-

third year. Peculiar interest attaches to his record for the readers of this work in view of the fact that he is the oldest living graduate of Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, Indiana, and had the distinction of attending the seventieth commencement exercises of this institution. His life has been spent in activities that seemed to exercise to the full his somewhat varied and unusual abilities; a life that has carried with it the lesson that one whose capacity, while not of the very greatest, may yet do great work by close devotion to the task. He was a busy, industrious man up to an old



HON. JOHN M. COWAN.  
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age, and he attained a place of high degree and compelling importance in the various localities in which he has resided. One of the kind that make up the front rank, the kind that can be relied on, a good workman in the world's affairs, a splendid specimen of the many that do the real, hard work of the world in places of passing importance and do it well, the kind of life of which the warp and woof of the substance that goes to make up the continuous achievement of humanity is made, the kind that deserves more recognition than it gets.

Mr. Cowan was born on December 6, 1821, at Indianapolis. His parents were John and Anna (Maxwell) Cowan, both of Scotch-Irish lineage. His father was a Virginian by birth, and at an early age migrated to Tennessee, locating in the Shawnee valley, where he resided for a period of twenty years, and where a large number of descendants still reside. He subsequently came to Kentucky, and thence to Charlestown in the locality then called Territory of Indiana. When the "Prophet's War" broke out, he joined the forces commanded by Gen. William Henry Harrison, as a volunteer and remained in service through the entire campaign, being engaged in the memorable battle of Tippecanoe. After this battle, he served two years as a dragoon scout, until the hostilities between the Wabash tribes and whites were finally settled. Returning home to Charlestown he made preparations and removed to Indianapolis, of which city he was one of the first settlers. In the autumn of 1822 he removed to Montgomery county, settling on a tract two and a half miles southwest of Crawfordsville on Oldfield's creek, where he engaged in farming. The son was left fatherless when he was about eleven years old and the family estate having been tied up for many years by an unfortunate loan made by the administrator, the mother and boy were compelled to struggle with the severest adversity. He thus assumed the burdens of life while yet in childhood, and bore them unflinchingly and without complaint until the wheel of fortune returned a reward.

John M. Cowan entered the preparatory school of Wabash College in 1836 with a determination to obtain a thorough education if nothing else should ever be secured, and after six years he was graduated from the classical course with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Soon following his graduation he received an appointment as deputy clerk of Clinton county, and removed to Frankfort. There snatching fragments of time from the toils of his office, he began the study of law, and in a few years was enabled to attend the law school connected with the University of Indiana at Bloomington, where he was placed under the instruction of Hon. David McDonald, afterward judge of the United States district court of Indiana. Graduating in the spring of 1845, at the end of one year, he returned to Frankfort and engaged in the active duties of his chosen profession, and he soon had an excellent start.

In 1845 Mr. Cowan married Harriet D. Janney, a descendant of a prominent Quaker family of Virginia, whose paternal ancestors were the Porters

of Pennsylvania and whose maternal ancestors were the Ruples and Judahs of Basle, Switzerland. After his marriage, Mr. Cowan formed a partnership with Hon. James F. Suit, at Frankfort. Mr. Suit was one of the most distinguished advocates of western Indiana, and his talents being supplemented by the energy and studious habits of his partner, their business rapidly became lucrative, and this was one of the best known law firms in this section of the state.

In 1858, Mr. Cowan was nominated for the judgeship in the eighth judicial circuit, composed of the counties of Boone, Clinton, Montgomery, Parke, Vermilion, Fountain and Warren. His competitor was an experienced and able jurist, at the time on the bench of the circuit, and the political complexion of the counties composing the judicial field was decidedly hostile to his being retired; notwithstanding which, Mr. Cowan's personal popularity, and reputation as a lawyer, gave him the election by a large majority. The term for which he was elected was six years, which was rounded up with the severest and most exacting mental labor. At the expiration of the term he stood so high in popular esteem that he was unanimously renominated by his party and again elected for a similar term without any real opposition from the opposite party. Completing his labors upon the bench in 1870, he returned to the practice of law at Crawfordsville where he had removed his family in 1864, forming a partnership with Hon. Thomas M. Patterson, later United States senator from Colorado. At the end of a prosperous connection of two years he became associated with Hon. M. D. White, and his second son, James E. Cowan, in a new legal firm, which continued nearly three years, when he finally retired from practice and connected himself with the First National Bank of Crawfordsville, as assistant cashier, and attorney for the bank, which positions he held until 1881, when he removed to Springfield, Missouri, where he has since resided.

As is usual with the descendants of Scotch progenitors, Judge Cowan with his family are adherents of the Presbyterian church.

To the judge and wife, four children were born, all still living, and with his youngest son and widowed daughter, Judge Cowan is residing in Springfield, Missouri, his wife having been called to her eternal rest in the summer of 1905.

Judge Cowan's long and toilsome life produced a competency with which to spend his later years in comfort. Notwithstanding his advanced

years he is in comparatively good health, and he writes a beautiful hand and his conversation and writings are seldom equaled by men forty years younger. In person, the judge is of medium height, slender build, of nervous, sanguine temperament, erect carriage and figure, with an air of modest dignity. His disposition is genial and he delights to meet his friends for whom as well as his family, he has strong affection.

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#### SAMUEL HAWORTH.

The biographer is glad to herein set forth the salient facts in the life history of the well remembered and highly esteemed citizen whose name appears above, the last chapter of whose record has been closed by the hand of death, and the seal set thereon forever, but whose influence still pervades the lives of those who were closely associated with him. For many years Mr. Haworth was identified with the growth of Boone county and his name is therefore worthy of special mention in these pages. The final causes which shape the fortunes of individual men and the destinies of nations are often the same. They are usually remote and obscure, their influence wholly unexpected until declared by results. When they inspire men to the exercise of courage, enterprise, self-denial and call into play the higher moral elements, such causes lead to the planting of great states and great peoples. That nation is the greatest which produces the greatest and most manly men. Such a result may not be consciously contemplated by the individuals instrumental in their production. Pursuing each his personal good by exalted means, they worked out this as a logical conclusion, for they wrought along the lines of the greatest good. Thus it is that the safety of the state of Indiana has ever depended not so much upon methods and measures as upon that manhood from whose deep sources all that is precious and permanent in life must at last proceed. These facts were early recognized by the late Samuel Haworth, and the salient points marked his career, for those who knew him well could not but help noticing his many manly attributes of head and heart and appreciating his efforts to inspire good citizenship and right living, in both private and public life, and, because of these many commendable characteristics he won and retained the confidence and good will of all who knew him.

or had dealings with him in any way. He was patriotic and ably supported the Union in its great crisis.

Mr. Haworth was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, April 14, 1838, and was a son of Eli and Lydia (Dillon) Haworth, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Tennessee. They were early settlers in Illinois where they devoted their lives to farming, dying there.

Samuel Haworth was reared on the home farm in Illinois and there assisted with the general work and he received his education in the common schools. On July 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, First Regiment United States Veteran Engineers, in which he served faithfully and efficiently until July 7, 1865, when he was honorably discharged, after which he returned to his home in Illinois, and there he married in 1869 Emily Rees, a native of that state. He had learned the harness-making trade which he worked at after his marriage in his native state. To his first marriage one son was born, William E. Haworth who is now living in Whitewater, Wisconsin. The wife and mother died in 1876 in Kansas, where the family had been living some time, and there our subject remained until 1879, when he came to Thorntown, Indiana, and worked at his trade and in October of that year he married Lydia W. Anderson, who was born in Fayette county, Indiana, and was a daughter of Wright and Mary (Butler) Anderson, the father a native of Maryland and the mother of Virginia. The second Mrs. Haworth was the widow of Joseph Bonsall, who was born in Salem, Ohio, April 14, 1836, and his death occurred April 19, 1875. To this second union of our subject, these children were born: Ernest, who is now living in Iowa, was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, having enlisted from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Most of his service was at Savannah, Georgia. Mabel, of Terre Haute, Indiana, is assistant principal of the training department of the State Normal school; Lucy is the wife of Fory Horner, of Thorntown. The two oldest children are deceased, Mary M. died when three years old and Otis E. died at the age of thirteen months. Mrs. Haworth has two grandchildren, Charlotte and Myron Horner, the former now a student in Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana, the latter in business with his father.

Mr. Haworth became very well established in business at Thorntown and had a pleasant residence here, where his death occurred on July 20, 1911, since which time his widow has remained alone in the old home. She is a woman of many praiseworthy characteristics and has a host of warm friends.

She is a faithful member of the Society of Friends, of which Mr. Haworth was also a member. Politically, he was a Republican. Fraternally, he was a member of the Masonic order and he belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic.

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#### NATHAN A. PERRILL.

The respect which should always be accorded the brave sons of the North who left their homes and the peaceful pursuits of civil life to give their services, and their lives, if need be, to preserve the integrity of the American Union is due Nathan A. Perrill, who, after successfully engaging in various pursuits is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Lebanon and is also ably discharging the duties of a justice of the peace. He proved his loyalty to the government on the long and tiresome marches, exposed to summer's withering heat and winter's freezing cold, where he was a target for the missile of the unseen foe, on the tented field and amid the flame and smoke of battle, where the rattle of the musketry mingled with the terrible concussion of the bursting shell and the deep diapason of the cannon's roar made up the sublime but awful chorus of death. To the heroes of the "grand army" all honor is due; to them the country is under a debt of gratitude which it cannot pay, and in generations yet to be, posterity will commemorate their chivalry in fitting eulogy and tell their knightly deeds in story and song. To this rapidly vanishing host into the phantom army of the silent land belongs Mr. Perrill, still left with us to thrill us with reminiscences of those stirring times a half century ago.

Mr. Perrill was born January 6, 1844 on a farm in Brown county, Ohio. He is a son of John and Eliza G. (Wilson) Perrill. The father was born near Winchester, Virginia, on November 29, 1806, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Price) Perrill. John Perrill, Sr., was of English descent. He remained in Virginia until 1819 when he removed to Ross county, Ohio, but on account of the unhealthfulness of that locality he later sold out and moved to Highland county, that state, later to Pike county, where he and wife spent the rest of their lives. John Perrill, Jr., came to Ohio with his parents where he grew up amid pioneer surroundings. He settled in Brown county about 1834 where he farmed until 1856 when he moved to Osage county,



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Kansas, continuing farming there until 1877 when he came to Zionsville, Boone county, Indiana to live with his son, Nathan A., of this sketch. His death occurred January 8, 1879. Politically, he was first a Whig, later a Republican. Religiously, he was a Methodist. He married Eliza G. Wilson September, 15, 1831. She was born in Highland county, Ohio, on November 12, 1812, and her death occurred October 10, 1854.

Nathan A. Perrill grew to manhood on the farm in Osage county, Kansas, where he had gone in 1858, and he received a common school education. He came east to Ohio in December, 1861, expecting to attend school but on August 8, 1862, he enlisted in the Eighteenth Ohio Battery, Light Artillery, and he saw much hard service and proved himself to be a gallant soldier. He fought in the great battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Nashville, Franklin, two engagements at Triune, Thompson's Station, siege of Chattanooga, Decatur, Alabama; Shelbyville, Tennessee, Courtland, Alabama and in the engagements in the Tennessee campaign. He was ten months in camp at Nashville, and was in a hospital in Nashville for six weeks. He was honorably discharged June 29, 1865.

After his career in the army Mr. Perrill went to Kansas and farmed on the Marais des Cygnes river until 1877. In June of that year he moved to Zionsville, Boone county, Indiana, where he operated a drug store for four years, then lived in Lebanon two years where he worked as deputy county treasurer, then moved to a farm near Zionsville where he remained two and one-half years. In 1887 he was again appointed deputy county treasurer which position he filled until 1889 when he entered the grain business, in an elevator in Lebanon until 1894 when he opened a real estate and insurance office in the county-seat, and has also been justice of the peace since that year. He has built up a very satisfactory business and as a justice has given eminent satisfaction, as his long retention would indicate.

Politically, Mr. Perrill is a Republican and has long been active in party affairs. While living in Kansas he was representative from his district to the state legislature for two terms, serving his constituents in an able and highly acceptable manner. He was also township treasurer and justice of the peace there. Religiously, he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and fraternally is a member of the Masonic Order. He belongs to Rich Mountain Post, No. 42, Grand Army of the Republic, at Lebanon.

Mr. Perrill was married June 8, 1871 to Ellen Conn, in Ripley, Brown

county, Ohio. She was born in Brown county, that state, October 4, 1848, and her death occurred June 14, 1885. To this union five children were born, namely: Eliza E., born August 31, 1872, died when two months old; Harlan P., born November 27, 1874, in Osage county, Kansas, is now a lieutenant commander in the United States navy; Hattie L., born April 29, 1877, in Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, is now the wife of C. W. Lang, of Manchester, Ohio; Maggie Faye, born November 12, 1879, in Zionsville, Indiana, is a trained nurse, now living in Indianapolis being a supervisor of private floor in the Long hospital; John A., born June 2, 1882, in Lebanon, died August 26, 1904.

Mr. Perrill was again married on October 18, 1887, to Sarah M. Molden, who was born March 3, 1853, in Washington county, Ohio, and her death occurred March 17, 1903 in Lebanon. On June 10, 1908, our subject married Ada J. Pratt, who was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, July 4, 1860, and her death occurred January 7, 1913.

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#### THOMAS V. CALDWELL.

In nearly every community have lived individuals who by their innate ability and sheer force of character have risen above their fellows who have been content to merely drift with the current. Of the former class was the late Thomas V. Caldwell, who for many years, was identified with the agricultural life of Sugar Creek township, Boone county, his career as a progressive man of affairs having been synonymous with all that was upright and honorable in citizenship. He contributed freely to the maintenance of his church and all other institutions which he deemed would make for the general good, using his influence in a general way to advance the public good and the individual interests of his neighbors and close friends. He was a public-spirited citizen and a whole-souled gentleman, whom to know was to admire and respect, and he not only delighted in public improvements, but liked to see also the promotion of such interests as were conducive to the comfort and happiness of his fellow citizens. The life of Mr. Caldwell most happily illustrates what one may accomplish by faithful and persistent effort in carrying out noble purposes, even in the face of discouraging circumstances. It is the

story of a life that has made the world better for his having lived in it, for his actions sprang from a heart filled with the best feeling for humanity and was a blessing to all who were within range of his influence. Personally, Mr. Caldwell was a broad-minded, obliging, genial gentleman, his private character having always been unassailable. His life may be safely imitated by the young, and the great amount of good which he did, while laboring for his own advancement and that of his family, will never be fully known until the last great day when the book of life shall be opened and every man receive due credit for his works, his actions and his influence while on earth.

Mr. Caldwell was born in Franklin county, Indiana, March 16, 1834. He was a son of David and Elizabeth (Wanzsly) Caldwell, natives of Ohio and early settlers in Franklin county, Indiana, later removing to Decatur county, this state, and finally to Warwick county where they died, having devoted their lives to farming.

Thomas V. Caldwell was reared on the home farm and worked hard in those early times, and he received a meager education in the old-time subscription schools. When twenty-two years of age he began farming for himself on the home place and when the Civil war came on, he enlisted in the Forty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry and proved to be a most faithful and gallant soldier for the Union. He was on furlough in Marion county, this state, when he married, February 11, 1864, Elizabeth Clark, who was born February 10, 1834, in Jennings county, Indiana, from which her parents moved to Marion county in 1835. After his marriage Mr. Caldwell returned to his regiment in the field and he was in many battles but was never wounded. He was honorably discharged in July, 1865. After the war he moved to Boone county and purchased a farm in Jefferson township, forty acres lying in section 16, thirty acres of which was timbered and on it stood a log cabin and a log stable. He set to work with a will and cleared and developed the place and built a comfortable house and there he resided fifteen years when he sold out and moved to Washington township, buying one hundred and twenty acres. This he sold two years later and bought an eighty acre farm of which only about thirteen acres were cleared. He began farming here in 1883 and continued successfully as a general farmer and stock raiser until his death.

Politically, Mr. Caldwell was an ardent Republican. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Thorntown. He was a devout member

of the Presbyterian church and active in the affairs of the same. He was for many years a member of the Presbyterian session.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, namely: Edward M., who was killed in Nashville, Tennessee in 1896; Anna E. lives with her mother in Thorntown; and Irvin, who lives in LaFayette, Indiana.

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#### FRANK E. LOOSE.

Agriculture has been the true source of man's dominion on earth ever since the primal existence of labor and has been the pivotal industry that has controlled for the most part all the fields of action to which his intelligence and energy have been devoted. In a civilized community no calling is so certain of yielding a compensatory return as that which is culled from a kindly soil, albeit the husbandman at times is sorely taxed in coaxing from Mother Earth all he desires or even expects; yet she is a kind mother and seldom chastens with disappointment the child whose diligence and frugality she deems it but just should be rewarded. One of those who have found a benefactress in Mother Earth is Frank E. Loose, one of the successful farmers in Worth township, Boone county, who is now living in honorable retirement. He has never found allurements for any kind of work outside the realm of Nature, and, having been a close student of the soils, the climate, the crops and all the phases that contribute to husbandry he has profited by his observation and always kept well abreast of the times as an agriculturist.

Mr. Loose was born in Springfield, Illinois, December 5, 1859. He is a son of Jacob G. and Elizabeth (Iles) Loose, the father born near Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and the mother in Bath county, Kentucky. Jacob G. Loose was a neighbor and close friend of Abraham Lincoln, and helped nominate and elect him President. In the latter state was also born Washington Iles, the maternal grandfather, who was one of the first settlers in Illinois, locating at Springfield when there was but a few hundred inhabitants there. Mr. Iles spent the rest of his life at Springfield. Mr. Loose was married and there he clerked in a store for five dollars a week. He finally bought an interest in the store, which was owned by a Mr. Hawley. Later he began buying land and was the first to start a coal mine in that locality, which mine he finally

developed, becoming an extensive land owner and coal mine operator, owning the Springfield Junction Coal Mines and was one of the substantial citizens there at the time of his death, November 4, 1874. His widow survived to an advanced age, dying February 12, 1908.

Frank E. Loose was reared on the home farm and educated in the common schools, also attended school at St. James College, Hagerstown, Maryland, for a time. He was an assiduous student and finally lost an eye as the result of close study. After his father's death, he operated the home farm until he was seventeen years old, and then was assistant superintendent of a coal mine until he was nineteen, remaining at home until his marriage on September 3, 1879, to Fannie R. Madison, who was born in Tuscola, Illinois, and was a daughter of John M. and Jennie (Rankin) Madison, natives of Cynthiana, Kentucky, and a highly respected family. Mrs. Loose was educated in the public schools. Three daughters have been born to our subject and wife, Jennie L., who married Wilbur Allen and lives with her father, and two daughters, both of whom died in infancy. The wife of our subject passed to her eternal rest June 25, 1897, and on July 27, 1898, Mr. Loose married Mary Estelle Faris, who was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and is a daughter of S. J. and Drucilla (Rector) Faris, natives of Ohio. One daughter, Helen Louise, born May 29, 1902, was born of his second marriage. Politically, he is a Republican. He belongs to the Masonic order, both the Chapter and Commandery. He was formerly a member of the Christian church, but is now a Presbyterian as is also his wife.

After his marriage Mr. Loose lived one year with his mother, then moved to Tuscola, Illinois, spending a year on a farm near there, after which he went to Staunton and started a grocery store which he continued two years and sold out, returned to Tuscola and bought the farm he had lived on before and this he operated until 1902, when he purchased four hundred and thirty-nine acres in Harrison township, Boone county, Indiana. However, he then went to California where he spent a year, then came to Lebanon and lived there two years, after which he moved to his farm where he fed cattle and hogs, but rented his land out, later selling it, intending to return to California to make his future home. He finally purchased a home in Worth township, Boone county, and bought stock in the First National Bank of Lebanon, of which he was one of the principal stock holders until he sold his stock. He

purchased a farm in Worth township of one hundred and thirty acres, later bought two hundred twenty-one and one-half acres in Center township, which he oversees but hires worked. He also owns valuable property in Lebanon, and he is now living in retirement at his commodious and attractive home in Worth township, three-fourths of a mile west of Whitestown. He has managed well, exercised keen business judgment and has accumulated a handsome competency.

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#### BEN. F. McKEY.

Ben. F. McKey, the editor of the *Pioneer*, at Lebanon, Boone county, Indiana, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, December 5, 1857, and springs from an old family of Scotch-Irish extraction. His great-grandfather, Benjamin McKey, was born in Ireland in 1775, and married Polly Potter in eastern Tennessee. Here his grandfather, Benjamin McKey, was born June 18, 1807. He married Catharine, daughter of John Coon, in east Tennessee, and died at Crawfordsville, Indiana, July 27, 1839. Jefferson C. McKey, father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of east Tennessee, born near Knoxville, and was quite young when he came to Indiana and located in Montgomery county, where he followed farming and also his vocation as carpenter and builder. In 1856 he married, in that county, Miss Sarah A. Sering, daughter of George A. and Nancy Sering, the former of whom came from a family of prominent farmers in Union county, but later became a citizen of Boone county, where he passed the last years of his life. Jefferson C. McKey is now a citizen of Boone, and resides in Lebanon.

Ben. F. McKey, in 1865, came to Boone county with his father, who settled on a farm near what is now the town of Advance. He attended the district schools of the county and worked on the farm until March, 1870, when the family moved to Lebanon where Ben. F. attended the public schools for three years, and in 1873 entered the *Pioneer* office as an apprentice under Ben A. Smith. He then went to Covington, Indiana, with Mr. Smith and for two years worked on the *People's Friend*. In 1876 he returned to Lebanon, worked for some time on the *Democrat*, a newspaper venture which found an early grave, and then went with Mr. Smith to Laurel, Franklin county, where he worked on the *Review* for a year. He next came back to Lebanon and here attended the public school under Prof. John W. Kise.

Mr. McKey then went to work on the *Patriot* for John A. Abbott, until January 1, 1879, when he became foreman of the *Lebanon Pioneer*, afterward, under Dr. T. H. Harrison, took the management of the paper, became a local writer, and soon had thrust upon him the entire responsibility of the establishment. In 1889 he leased the office from Dr. Harrison for a year and at the end of that time purchased the plant and has since been editor and proprietor. Mr. McKey began at the bottom of the ladder; by thorough ability, foresight and good management he has placed the *Pioneer* in its present prosperous condition. He has recently sold an interest in the *Pioneer* to his son, Claude D. McKey, and his son-in-law, Norman O. Edwards:

The marriage of Mr. McKey took place March 31, 1880, to Miss Jennie Dyson, of Lebanon, who died April 28, 1902. On July 12, 1904, he married Miss Fronia B. Shaw. Mr. McKey is a member of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church, and has for over thirty years or more held an official position in that church. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, Red' Man, Odd Fellow and a Mason.

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#### ROY N. OTTINGER.

The various agricultural congresses, exhibits of the products of the soil, frequently given here and there over the land, agents from government bureaus and experiment stations and a number of others aim to teach the farmer how to raise bigger and better crops, and also to help the producer to get a larger share of the price the consumer has to pay for what he eats. They aim to help the farmer to make farming more profitable without making the increased profit a burden to the consumer. One of the ways of bringing this about, we are told, is to devise a system of marketing that will get to the consumer vast quantities of perishable stuff that now goes to waste in field and orchard because the farmer cannot get enough for it to pay him to ship it. One of the younger generation of farmers of Worth township, Boone county, who is a student of present-day conditions as relates to the various phases of agriculture, production and consumption, and who is making a success because of his industry and thoughtfulness along these vital lines is Roy N. Ottinger.

Mr. Ottinger was born in eastern Tennessee, December 25, 1884. He is

a son of Timothy and Emma (Rader) Ottinger, both natives of eastern Tennessee, where they grew to maturity, were educated in the rural schools and there were married. They established themselves on a farm where the father spent the rest of his life, dying about 1896, and there his widow still resides. To these parents the following children were born: Rufus, who lives in eastern Tennessee; Calvin lives in Morristown, Tennessee; Mack lives in Boone county, Indiana; Roy N., of this sketch; Carl lives in Boone county.

Roy N. Ottinger grew to manhood on the home farm in his native state, and received a common school education. In September, 1904, he left Tennessee and came to Worth township, Boone county, where he worked out at farming three years, then rented land. He now owns fourteen acres and in connection with this, works one hundred acres of his mother-in-law's farm, successfully carrying on general farming and stock raising, and keeping the land not only well cultivated but well improved.

Mr. Ottinger was married July 26, 1908, to Lovie Ottinger, who was born in this township and county and here grew to womanhood and was educated. She is a daughter of John and Dema (Liebhardt) Ottinger, natives of Boone county, where they grew up and were married and here established the family home. Mr. Ottinger died in 1904, but his widow is living in Whitestown, Indiana.

Politically, our subject votes independently, and religiously he is a member of the Lutheran church.

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#### PHIL ADLER.

Phil Adler was born in Weston, Platte county, Missouri, September 1, 1858. His father, Morris Adler, was born at Frankfurt on the Main. His mother, Zelia Wise, was born at Wurzburg, Germany. They emigrated to the United States and settled in Missouri. Later Mr. Adler's father removed to Ohio, residing for a time at Columbus and Cincinnati.

Mr. Adler, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Cincinnati and his education was obtained in its city schools, which, however, was meager. After passing the fifth grade, he, by force of circumstance, was compelled to assist in earning a livelihood and began business as a newsboy, later securing a position as a clerk in a wholesale house, mastering the ins and outs of the



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mercantile business. For a number of years he was a traveling salesman; seeing the great advantages of Lebanon and Boone county he engaged in business in his adopted city, in March, 1884, and has continued in the mercantile business in Lebanon, with a short interruption ever since.

From the small beginning on South Lebanon street he developed the well known Cincinnati Store. In 1904 he reorganized his commercial activities and greatly enlarged his business. His success has been constant; his business establishment is one of the most modern of the city and would do credit to cities many times the size of Lebanon. He carries a large stock of up-to-date goods and enjoys the largest trade in the drygoods line in his home city. His customers are numerous and come from the remote portions of the county.

Mr. Adler was married September 22, 1886, to Miss Minnie Valentine, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was born in New York City and moved to Cincinnati, where she grew to womanhood. She was a daughter of Mark and Hannah Valentine, both being natives of London, England, who emigrated to the United States in early life. Mrs. Adler is a lady of much refinement and possesses many admirable qualities.

Mr. and Mrs. Adler have three children, Mark, who resides in Lebanon and is engaged in business with his father and is a promising young business man of capacity; Miss Cecil, who is at home, as well as Mr. Philip Adler, Jr., who is now in school.

Mr. Adler has been the architect of his own success; he is truly a self-made man. During his early years adverses made demands upon him, which would have discouraged those of less force and will power. His indomitable courage, large hope and determined purpose, brooked no opposition. He is a leader among men as a man of affairs, sound of judgment, liberal in views and strong in purpose. He has been a most useful citizen in the upbuilding of Lebanon, being identified with all of its prominent undertakings in the past twenty-five years.

In all his business undertakings he has been most enthusiastically supported by Miss Hattie Adler, his sister, who has been associated with him in business and upon whom Mr. Adler relies for counsel and advice and to whom he gives great credit for his own success.

Mr. Adler has not held public office, but has been identified with commercial undertakings in the upbuilding of his home city.

## DAVID M. BURNS.

There is no profession in life of more importance and usefulness than that of surveyor and civil engineer. Until a country is surveyed, and the towns, roads and ditches laid out, there is no system in its settlement, and its crooked by-paths and by-roads of the early settlers marks its state of uncivilization. With the surveyor comes system and prosperity. Another vocation of equal importance and civilization is that of the school teacher and it is safe to say that without his efforts, the people of the United States would have lapsed into barbarism, or at least would have retrograded from the condition of their European ancestors. David M. Burns, our subject, has honored both of these professions and his life is marked by his efforts as a public benefactor. He springs from sterling Scotch ancestry. John Burns, the grandfather of our subject was a descendant of the famous Scotch Presbyterian covenanters who fled from Scotland to Ireland on account of religious persecution. The founders of the family in America were three brothers—John, Andrew and one whose name is not remembered. John was the original pioneer, coming before his brothers and settling in Pennsylvania a short time before the Revolutionary war. He served throughout that war, nearly eight years, and was in the battles of Trenton, Camden and many others. He was wounded in the arm at the battle of Brandywine and was one of those heroes who passed through the terrible winter with Washington at Valley Forge. He married Catherine Gray and settled in Nicholas county, Kentucky, among the pioneers, a short time after the Revolutionary war. Here he cleared up a farm in the wilderness and his home was blessed with ten children—William, John, James, David, Andrew, Jennie, Polly, Robert, Thomas and Joseph. He became an extensive landowner and gave all the children good farms. He lived to be seventy-four years of age and both he and wife were members of the Presbyterian church. In political opinions he was an old-time Whig. He was a typical American pioneer and a man of high character.

Andrew Burns, father of our subject, was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, August 29, 1795. He had more than an ordinary education for his time and taught school in Kentucky for many years, and also taught vocal music. He married Nancy, daughter of Archibald and Jane (Farris) Brown. After marriage Mr. Burns settled in Nicholas county, Kentucky,

on a farm adjoining his father's. In 1834 he moved to Orange county, Indiana, and in 1836 he came to Boone county and settled on a farm two miles north of Lebanon. He died two years later, on his forty-third birthday. He was a hard-working pioneer citizen. He and wife were members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Burns was a man of stanch virtues. His children are—John B., Archibald, William W., David M., and Elvira F., all born in Nicholas county, Kentucky.



DAVID M. BURNS.  
—Patriot.

David M. Burns, our subject, was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, on his father's farm, February 10, 1832, and was but two and one-half years of age when his father settled in Indiana. After the death of his father his mother returned to Kentucky, and afterward married Jonathan Parish, and one son was born to this union—Jonathan M. Mrs. Parish was accidentally killed by the discharge of a gun, May 27, 1845.

David M. Burns received a common school education, and then attended a select school in Montgomery county, Kentucky, and afterward at Sharps-

burg academy, his cousin, James Harvey Burns, being his teacher at both institutions. The professor was a graduate of Georgetown college and an educator of wide abilities and experience. David M. Burns began teaching at Wren's school-house in the select school of his cousin, as an assistant, when he was nineteen years of age, and afterward taught in Nicholas county one year. On July 1, 1852, he married, in Nicholas county, Kentucky, Elgiva J., daughter of Thomas and Jane (Grimes) Clark. Mr. Clark was from an old American family of German stock, was an old settler of Nicholas county, a prominent farmer and justice of the peace and a class leader in the Methodist church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Burns two children were born—Mollie C., who married Dr. Eli L. Brown, of Thorntown, and Nancy E., who married Thomas W. Huckstep, a surveyor and civil engineer of Lebanon. Both the daughters were born in Boone county, where Mr. Burns settled in October, 1852, on the farm first occupied by his father. Mr. Burns lived on this farm until 1855, then resided in Lebanon until 1857, and then lived on his farm until 1886. He then returned to Lebanon where he resided until his death. He taught school the winter of 1853 in Washington township and in 1855 was principal of a department of the schools at Lebanon. He was principal of the public schools at Thorntown in the years 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, and during this time was appointed deputy county surveyor of Boone county in 1858 and was elected county surveyor in 1860 and held this important office until 1876, the long period of sixteen years, a deputy serving under him while he was in the army. Mr. Burns was principal of the High school of Lebanon until December 10, 1863, on which date he enlisted at Lebanon in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment (Eleventh Cavalry), under Capt. Mason S. Hamilton, Col. Robert Stewart. His service was principally in Alabama, where he served one year, when he was taken sick from exposure, and was in hospital at Nashville, Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis, and was honorably discharged at the latter place on account of disability, April 17th, 1865. On returning to Lebanon he resumed teaching, and the winter of 1865-6 he taught at Mechanicsburg and the next winter at Thorntown. He taught the high grade of the Lebanon public schools in 1870, which completed his career as a teacher, after the long service of nearly twenty years. He was county surveyor from 1860 to 1876 and either attended to his duties personally or employed a deputy.

As surveyor of Boone county for this long period he surveyed and laid out many important ditches and roads, and was especially active in his work in the gravel roads. He done the work of civil engineer for the city of Lebanon from its organization for years. He was city engineer in 1895 and was assisted by his son-in-law, Thomas W. Huckstep from 1875. Mrs. Burns died November 12, 1881, and Mr. Burns married Margaret J., daughter of John and Sarah (Peck) Richey. Mr. Richey was born in New York, reared in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was one of the early pioneers of Boone county, coming from Ohio and locating in Tippecanoe county in 1828; and in 1835 he came to Boone county, where he entered his land in Washington township. He became an honored citizen, township trustee and a substantial farmer. He had one son in the Civil war, James. Mr. Richey lived to be seventy-eight years old, and died August 12, 1883, on his farm.

Mr. Burns was one of the most prominent Masons in Boone county. He was a member of Boone Lodge No. 9, and held the offices of senior deacon, junior warden, and master at different times from 1876 for about eight years. He was also a member of the chapter—a royal arch mason and was high priest, an office which he filled with the exception of one year upward of twenty years. He was a member of the royal and select masters and also illustrious master. He was also a Knight Templar, Frankfort Commandery. Mr. Burns was also a member of the Scottish Rite, Indiana consistory of Indianapolis, which includes the thirty-second degree. Mr. Burns was grand chaplain of the grand chapter of the state of Indiana and held that office for years. He was also chaplain of the grand council of royal and select masters from 1888 to 1893. He was chaplain of the order of high priests of the state of Indiana. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burns were members of the Eastern Star, a Masonic body, and Mr. Burns worthy patron for four years. He and wife were members of the Presbyterian church, in which he had been elder for a long period. Mr. Burns was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Rich Mountain Post No. 42, Lebanon, and was post commander. By perseverance and good management, Mr. Burns succeeded financially and was in prosperous circumstances and was highly respected in Boone county as an honest citizen. His best roll of honor was the names of his former pupils, many of whom are now prominent citizens and whom he assisted to become more efficient men and women. He died October 10, 1910.

## BERT ISENHOUR.

We read a great deal nowadays regarding inadequate methods of the producers on the farms and gardens to properly market their stuff, many claiming that they are not getting proper returns; but some think the marketing problem will be partly solved through stimulating the farmers to better methods of production, based on the psychological fact that when you can get a person to do any part of a business well he is not afterwards satisfied to do any part of it badly. There is at least one farmer of Worth township, Boone county, who needs no advice along this line, for he has always tried to do well whatever he deemed worth doing at all. We refer to Bert Isenhour, one of our most careful tillers of the soil of the younger generation.

Mr. Isenhour was born in the above named township and county, on November 4, 1879. He is a son of James and Lydia (Markland) Isenhour, the father also a native of Worth township, Boone county, and the mother was born in Traders Point, Indiana. The Isenhour family was among the early settlers of this locality, and here James grew to manhood, was educated in the old-time schools, married and settled on a farm, and he and his wife became the parents of the following children: William H., who lives in Fountaintown, Indiana; Walter J. is deceased; Bert of this sketch; Guy died when twenty-seven years of age; Cleveland lives in Whitestown, this state; Arvie is a resident of Lebanon; John lives in Worth township; Franklin, the youngest, is at home.

Bert Isenhour grew up on the home farm and received a common school education. He remained at home with his parents until his marriage on February 4, 1903, to Evelyn Keeney, who was born in Eagle township, this county, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of George Keeney, who was a native of Virginia, and who settled here many years ago. After his marriage Mr. Isenhour moved to the old home farm, his father having left it and moved to Whitestown. Our subject rents sixty-three acres from his father, which he operates in connection with forty-eight acres which he owns, and which joins the homestead. He carries on general farming and stock raising, horses, cattle and hogs, and is doing well in both departments, being a hard worker and a man of sound judgment. He is keeping the home place in good shape in every respect.

Politically, Mr. Isenhour is a Democrat. He belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Haymakers at Whitestown. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Whitestown.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isenhour the following children were born: Mabel Maurine, born October 6, 1903, and Helen Fay, born August 16, 1908. They are both at home, keeping house for their father, their mother having been called to her eternal rest on October 6, 1913. She was a good woman, had lots of friends and was an excellent helpmeet and kind mother.

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#### I. N. ARMSTRONG.

I. N. Armstrong, for many years a well-known farmer and a practical blacksmith of Sugar Creek township, Boone county, Indiana, was born in the state of Ohio in the year 1824. His father, Christopher Armstrong, died in 1834, having lost his wife some years previously, our subject thus becoming an orphan at the early age of ten years. The parents were church members, and carefully reared their three children to a life of morality as long as they were spared to them, and instilled such lessons of usefulness and industry as made their offspring the valued members of society they afterward became. The family settled early in Franklin county, Indiana, and in Metamora, that county, I. N. Armstrong served an apprenticeship of four years at blacksmithing, becoming an adept at the trade. From Metamora he moved to New Trenton, in the same county, where, for twelve years, he followed his trade with much pecuniary profit. While a resident of New Trenton he married, in 1844, Miss Mary Sparks, a native of Franklin county, born in 1825. This marriage was blessed with four children, namely: Charles A., who died an infant; George, also deceased; Frank, now a hardware merchant at Thorntown and Willie, a babe that died when five weeks old. Relinquishing his trade in New Trenton for the pursuit of agriculture, Mr. Armstrong traded off his establishment for a farm of 160 acres in the vicinity and cultivated it for ten years, and then came to Boone county, in 1866, and bought a farm of 160 acres, which he partially improved, but in a short time moved to Colfax, Clinton county, Indiana, and followed his trade for eight years; he then returned to his farm in Boone county, on which he

resided two years. He again became tired of farm life and moved back to Colfax where, in partnership with his son, Frank, he went into the hardware business. Four years later, he returned to his farm in Boone county. Mr. Armstrong's death occurred in Thorntown on June 10, 1909, and Mrs. Armstrong passed away a few years later, her death occurring August 5, 1913. Religiously, Mr. Armstrong affiliated with the Presbyterian church and politically was a Democrat.

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### THEODORE CHARLES WALTZ.

Self-assertion is believed by many people to be absolutely necessary to success in life, and there are good reasons for the entertainment of such belief. The modest man very rarely gets what is due him. The selfish, aggressive man elbows his way to the front, takes all that is in sight and it sometimes seems that modesty is a sin with self-denial the penalty. There are, however, exceptions to all rules and it is a matter greatly to be regretted that the exceptions to the conditions referred to are not more numerous. One notable exception is the case of Theodore Charles Waltz, the talented photographer of Lebanon, Boone county, who seems to possess just a sufficient amount of modesty to be a gentleman at all times and yet sufficient persistency to win in the world's affairs and at the same time not appear overbold; and as a result of these well and happily blended qualities, Mr. Waltz has won a host of friends here, being known as a man of integrity and ability.

Mr. Waltz was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, November 30, 1875. He is a son of John and Annie (Webb) Waltz. The father was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, February 2, 1827, and was a son of Henry and Hannah Waltz. Henry Waltz was a native of Pennsylvania and was a pioneer of Switzerland county, Indiana. John Waltz devoted his life to farming, for the most part. However, he followed the river some and was a pilot on a steamboat on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers from Madison, Indiana to New Orleans, when river commerce was in its prime in America, and steamboat captains and pilots were regarded as men of far greater importance than they are today, when boats form a small part of our means



MR. AND MRS. T. C. WALTZ AND DAUGHTER



of transportation. The death of John Waltz occurred in April, 1907. Politically, he was a Republican, and in religious matters a Presbyterian. He belonged to the Masonic order, attaining the Knights Templar degree. His wife, Anna Webb, was a native of Maryland, born April 15, 1836, and her death occurred February 23, 1893.

Theodore C. Waltz grew up on the farm where he worked when a boy, and he received a common school education. He worked on the farm until 1897, then learned photography and located at Greenwood, Indiana, where he was later married to Zerelda M. Daily, July 17, 1902. He maintained a well patronized gallery at Greenwood for three years, then in 1900 went to Summitville, this state, where he remained one year, and although he had a good business there, he desired a larger field for the exercise of his talents and came to Lebanon, but not long thereafter went to Columbus, Indiana, where he followed the carpenter's trade until 1907, when he again established himself in Lebanon and has remained there to the present time. His studio is well patronized and he ranks with the leading photographers in this section of the state. He is a close observer of the progress made in his field of endeavor and keeps well up-to-date and many of his customers come from remote parts of the county, and all receive fair and courteous treatment and his work is not only high-grade but promptly done. Mrs. Waltz has been an active factor in building up the large and lucrative business that the Waltz studio enjoys. She is a lady of culture and refinement and stands high socially, having a very large acquaintance in Boone county. Mrs. Waltz is a true helpmeet in every sense, ably assisting at the studio besides caring for the model home where old time hospitality is enjoyed by their numerous friends.

Mrs. Waltz was born September 8, 1886, and is a daughter of Charles D. and Maude E. (Parcels) Daily. Her father was born September 16, 1856, at New Carlisle, Ohio, and is a son of Charles R. and Mary A. Daily. Both parents of Mrs. Waltz are still living. The grandparents of Mrs. Waltz were Charles R. Daily, born December 23, 1810, at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, and Mary Ann (Hay) Daily, who was born July 17, 1831. Soon after marriage they moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana, but later removing to New Carlisle, Ohio, where Americus C. Daily, ex-auditor of state

was born. They located in Lebanon in 1879, where they lived until their deaths, Mr. Daily's occurring November 2, 1893, and his wife's January 28, 1898. The Daily family is most favorably known throughout Boone county.

Politically, Mr. Waltz is a Republican and in religious matters, Mr. Waltz and family attend church and Sunday school at the First Baptist church.

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### SAMUEL HOLLINGSWORTH.

Samuel Hollingsworth, one of the very early settlers of Jefferson township, Boone county, Indiana, was a native of this state, having been born in Union county, February 6, 1816. His parents were Isaiah and Patience (Smith) Hollingsworth, natives of North Carolina and of English descent. Isaiah came to Indiana in 1800, when the now state was a territory, and he may be fully termed a pioneer. In 1833, he came to Boone county, where he lived a pure and industrious existence until his final relief from earthly cares in 1873, his wife joining him in 1877 in that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler e'er yet returned." The lamented parents had born to them ten children, named as follows: Joseph, Newton, Eber, Samuel, Hannah, Caroline, Smith, Anna, Sarah and Mary.

Samuel Hollingsworth was reared by his father to a thorough knowledge of agriculture and consequently made a success in life as a farmer. His marriage took place in January, 1841, to Miss Fanny Alexander, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Denny) Alexander. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth were Mary J., wife of George Miller and William W., who was married January 14, 1879, to Mary Chambers, of Kentucky. After the marriage of Mr. Hollingsworth he settled down to the solid life of a farmer in the wilderness of Indiana, where, at that time, Indians were about as numerous as the wild animals, and of the two infestments, the latter were the more preferable, inasmuch as they afforded a source of food. His first presidential vote was for the old "hero of Tippecanoe," William H. Harrison, but, after the dissolution of the Whig party, he became a stanch Republican. Mr. Hollingsworth's death occurred in March, 1894 at the age of seventy-eight years.

## STRANGE N. CRAGUN.

Strange N. Cragun, the well-known and efficient ex-editor and owner of the *Lebanon (Indiana) Patriot*, springs from sturdy Scotch-Irish ancestry, his great-grandfather having come from the north of Ireland in an early day and having settled in Virginia. His son, Elisha Cragun, grandfather of Strange N., was born in that state, but was among the pioneers of the southeast part of Rush county, Indiana, whence, in 1835, he came to Boone county and located in Eagle township, but afterward went west with his family and died at Council Bluffs, Iowa. The family, however, continued their journey westward and settled in Utah, where members of them still live. Hiram Cragun, son of Elisha and father of Strange N., was born in Rush county, Indiana, near the Franklin county line, December 8, 1816, was reared a farmer, and was nineteen years of age when he accompanied his father to Boone county. The farm on which they here settled was very heavily timbered, and Hiram, who was a very industrious and hard-working man, did a vast amount of work in assisting his father in clearing away the fine black walnut trees and in burning them in piles to get rid of them. Hiram was married in Boone county to Reiter, daughter of Robert Dooley, and to this union were born nine children, of whom seven grew to maturity, viz.: Josephine, Neb, Melvina, George C., Hiram, Strange N., and Lorenzo D. The farm owned by Hiram Cragun comprised two hundred forty-five acres, and on this he lived until 1884, when he died at the age of sixty-six years, universally respected. He was a Democrat in politics until the firing on Fort Sumter, when he became a strong Republican and an ardent Union man; he was also a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. With his wife, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for many years was a class leader of the Pleasant View society, which he assisted in founding, and which first met in the "little brick" school-house in the northeast part of Eagle township; he was a man of high character, very exact, and held hypocrisy in utter abhorrence.

Strange N. Cragun was born July 24, 1857, on his father's farm in Eagle township, Boone county, Indiana. He received his preparatory education in the common schools, and this was supplemented by a course of three years at the Zionsville academy and one term at Purdue University.

He became a teacher in Boone county at the age of seventeen, in 1874, and taught in the district schools of Worth township, and in the graded school at Zionsville—four years in all—and then had charge of the graded school of Reelsville, Putnam county, Indiana, for one year. In the spring of 1879, while on a visit to Purdue University, Mr. Cragun went before the board of examiners of candidates for admission to West Point Military Academy, and from thirty-one applicants from the ninth congressional district he was selected for the important and distinguished appointment. At West Point he was obliged to undergo another examination, and of the one hundred sixty applicants he was one of the one hundred twenty to pass the severe ordeal. On the twentieth of June following (1879) he reported at West Point and was admitted to the class of 1883, but two years later, on account of impaired eyesight, he was obliged to tender his resignation.

In the spring of 1881, Mr. Cragun returned to Boone county and accepted the principalship of the Whitestown graded schools for one year, when he was called to Zionsville, to form a joint principalship with W. B. Alford, which lasted one year. He then went to Lebanon, and for four years was principal of the high school. In 1887 Mr. Cragun was elected county superintendent of schools, a position he filled four years and three months, serving out the unexpired term of Harvey M. LaFollette and twice thereafter elected for full terms. During his administration, he brought the schools up to a high standard and introduced new courses of study, securing uniformity in the grading of the schools, making the township institute much more effective, and achieving the reputation of being an excellent disciplinarian both as a teacher and a superintendent. He was strict, but impartial, in his examination of teachers, and reduced the number of licenses nearly one-half, extending the policy of his predecessor, Mr. LaFollette.

May 2, 1891, Mr. Cragun bought the *Lebanon Patriot*, the oldest newspaper in Boone county, that has been published continuously, dating its birth from 1857. It is Republican in its politics and is independent and outspoken in the advocacy of the principles of that party, and in its discussion of local and county questions and measures. Mr. Cragun greatly increased its subscription list, this increase arising from the improvement he made in its leading articles and the higher plane on which he placed the literary selections, as well as the completeness to which he brought the news columns. As its name indicates, the journal was indeed patriotic in all things under his

management. He sold the *Patriot* in 1913 but still does some news and editorial work on journals throughout the state.

On June 17, 1883, Mr. Cragun was united in matrimony with Miss Addie M., daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Beeler) Booher, at Whiteside, Indiana and to this felicitous union have been born three children—Ethel and Opal, twins, and Dwight, the last named born October 5, 1891. This happy little family, however, was rudely broken into by the taking away of Opal at the age of six and a half years.

Mr. Cragun is a member of Boone Lodge No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons; Lebanon Chapter No. 39, Royal Arch Masons; Indiana Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons; Murat Temple of Shriners, Indianapolis; also Lebanon Lodge No. 45, Knights of Pythias; also with his wife, of Lebanon Chapter No. 23, Order of Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Cragun are members of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church at Lebanon, and he is a member of the board of trustees. Mr. Cragun resides in a commodious and substantial residence, much admired for its tastefulness and beauty of architecture.

While now living a somewhat retired life, Mr. Cragun is nevertheless associated in a number of ways with the business life of his county and city. He is treasurer of the Lebanon school board and serving his second term; has been director of the First National Bank of Lebanon for more than a dozen years; was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Loan & Trust Company of same city in 1899, and ever since one of its directors. He is now one of the jury commissioners of the county, and was recently admitted to the bar, although it is not his purpose to enter actively into the practice of law. He and his family are highly respected, and move in the best social circles of the county.

Mrs. Reiter Cragun Bowers, mother of Maj. S. N. Cragun, of Lebanon, passed away April 27, 1914, at her home in Zionsville, this county. She had been in poor health for several years but her last illness extended over a period of only two days. Bronchial pneumonia was the immediate cause of her demise.

Mrs. Bowers was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, August 7, 1826, and was consequently aged eighty-seven years, eight months and twenty days. She came to Boone county when nine years of age and underwent all the hardships incident to pioneer days. Before her death she was the first of

five generations, living in this county—five children, twenty-eight grandchildren, forty-two great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

She was the daughter of Robert and Julia Ann Dooley who resided for many years in the neighborhood of the Mt. Run Baptist church in the east part of Boone county. She was first married on August 18, 1842, to Hiram Cragun who departed this life March 2, 1884. For forty-two years they resided on the farm of which she died possessed, at St. Clair Stop on the T. H., I. & E. traction line. She was married a second time on March 8, 1893, to John Bowers, of Marion county, with whom she lived in Zionsville until his death on October 27, 1904.

There were nine children born to the first union, of whom five survive as follows: Mrs. Josephine Peters, Mrs. Melvina St. Clair, George L., Hiram N. and Strange N., all of Boone county. Four children, Neb, Lorenzo D., Columbus and Mary Ann are deceased, the last two dying when children. The brothers and sisters living are Squire W. and Thomas W. Dooley, of Boone county; John K. Dooley, of Hastings, Neb., Samuel B. Dooley, of Glenneath, Colo.; Mrs. Louise Anderson, of Boone county, and Mrs. Clarissa Hurst, of Gilbert, Arizona.

Mrs. Bowers was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Zionsville. For many years previous to transferring her membership there, she was a faithful member of the Pleasant View Methodist Episcopal church north of Zionsville. She lived a consistent Christian life and was greatly loved by all who knew her.

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#### DAIRY CREAM SEPARATOR COMPANY.

Boone county ranks as one of the best dairy counties in the Middle West; however, her people have neglected to take advantage as extensively as they might of its resources in this respect, but each year finds new additions to the already long list of successful dairymen. As the dairy business grows, there is, of course, a demand for separators created and this gives employment to many artisans and furnishes a good field for invested capital. One of the most successful, efficient and widely known manufactories of this line in the Middle West is The Dairy Cream Separator Company of

Lebanon, which was established in July, 1907, with the following officers: S. N. Cragun, president; R. D. Voorhees, vice-president; D. V. Booher, secretary; W. E. Callane, treasurer. They soon got the business well established and continued to manage the same until 1910, when it was reorganized, with the following officers: Philip Voorhees, of Logansport, Indiana, president; R. D. Voorhees, of Flora, Indiana, vice-president; M. E. Callane, secretary, and W. E. Callane, treasurer. These gentlemen now own all the stock and have greatly increased the prestige and earning power of the plant. They manufacture centrifugal cream separators for farm use, these being of the most modern design, and, owing to their superiority of workmanship and quality are eagerly sought, and the business of the firm is rapidly growing, new territory being constantly invaded. The firm owns a large, well-equipped and valuable building in Lebanon, which was erected for the purpose in 1907. During the summer of 1914 an addition was built, adding fifteen thousand square feet of floor space, it being modern and fire-proof. Here from one hundred to one hundred and thirty skilled mechanics are constantly employed, and the annual output of machines is from twelve thousand to fifteen thousand. W. E. Callane is general manager and he is the moving spirit of this important plant.

Mr. Callane was born in Flora, Carroll county, Indiana, in April, 1866. He is a son of Richard and Mary (Cunningham) Callane, both natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Indiana when young and were reared on farms here, educated in the early-day schools and were married in this state. W. E. Callane grew up on the home farm and was educated in the public schools of Flora, Indiana, and when seventeen years of age he began teaching, which vocation he continued with satisfactory results for four years. He then turned his attention to dentistry and was graduated from the Indiana Dental College in Indianapolis in 1889, having made an excellent record there. Returning to Flora, he began the practice of his profession, which he continued successfully until 1900, enjoying a large and lucrative patronage, but he then sold out his business and began as a general merchant in his native town; in fact, he had been interested in the same financially since 1890. He sold out his store in 1903 and became a stockholder in the Dairy Cream Separator Company, and was treasurer and general manager of the same, doing much to insure its constant success, and continued thus until the company was reorganized. This concern sells to

jobbers on a large scale and the products of the plant are sent all over the world.

Mr. Callane was married in September, 1887, to Clara Rodkey, a native of Carroll county, Indiana, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Barton and Jane (James) Rodkey, a highly respected family of that county. To our subject and wife two children have been born, namely: M. E., who is secretary of the Dairy Cream Separator Company, and Charles C., who is at this writing a student in Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Politically, Mr. Callane is a Republican, and fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Lebanon. He is a member of the Disciples Church and is vice-president of the official board of the local congregation. Mr. Callane is a man of progressive ideas and a companionable, obliging and genial gentleman.

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#### JOHN P. STARK.

To few of us it is given to come within sight of the gracious castle of our dreams, but there can be no measure of doubt that to many earnest, high-minded seekers after the truth, such as John P. Stark, for many years one of our ablest educators, and who also has long ranked as one of the leading agriculturists of Boone county, has been granted a tangible realization of many of the ideals of early youth—the time of air-castle building—which have been crystallized into worthy accomplishment in connection with the affairs of this work-a-day world. As gentleman of intellectual attainments and genial address, he has won the esteem of a wide acquaintance. Many of his commendable qualities have no doubt been inherited from a long line of sterling ancestors, men and women who were leaders in progressive movements in pioneer days. They were Anglo-Saxons of the best type—persons characterized by strength of mind, breadth of view, and broad-minded patriotism.

Mr. Stark was born in Decatur county, Indiana, September 14, 1847. He is a son of Albert W. and Elizabeth (Woodard) Stark, both natives of Shelby county, Kentucky. The paternal grandparents, Philip and Elizabeth (Robbins) Stark, were natives of Virginia, and in that state were also born



DORA E. STARK  
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the maternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Stogdel) Woodard. They were all very early settlers in Indiana, enduring the usual privations and hardships of those who braved life on the frontier. The parents of our subject settled in Decatur county where they remained until the spring of 1857, when they came to Union township, Boone county, where they first purchased one hundred and forty-three acres of improved land, to which they later added eighty acres, a half mile north, and still later purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Marion township. Here Albert W. Stark became a prosperous farmer and influential citizen, and he finally retired from active life, bought property in Sheridan to which he moved, and since the death of his wife in November, 1895, he has made his home with our subject. His family consisted of the following children: Rachel M. is deceased; Nancy J. is the wife of William Butner of Lebanon; John P., of this review; Aden B. died when nine years of age; George F. lives in Benton county, Indiana; Diana F. married William Moreland, of Marion township; James E., of Sheridan, Indiana; William H. died in the fall of 1911; Elvira is the wife of R. L. Hines, of Worth township, this county; Mary E. married Aaron West, of Worth township.

John P. Stark spent his boyhood days on the home farm. He attended the common schools and the Ladoga Normal. He remained at home until his marriage on June 7, 1868, to Mary M. Shoemaker, who was born in Union township, where she grew to womanhood and was educated in the public schools. She is a daughter of George W. and Martha (Harvey) Shoemaker, natives of Union county, Indiana, and a highly respected family. After his marriage Mr. Stark taught school in Boone county for a period of seventeen years, but his teaching was confined to only four different school-houses. He gave eminent satisfaction as a teacher in every respect. Finally tiring of the school-room he turned his attention to general farming and stock raising which he has since continued with very gratifying results. Forty acres of the home farm fell to him, and he bought forty acres more of the home place, paying eleven hundred dollars for what his father had paid four hundred. The land was well timbered, and this our subject cleared and improved, tiled and ditched it, and sold the place in 1882, and purchased one hundred and forty-three acres where he has since lived, and on which he has made many improvements, building a modern house of brick, erecting substantial outbuildings and now has one of the choice farms of the town-

ship. In 1907 he built a handsome home in Whitestown and lived there until 1913 when he returned to the farm where he oversees the place, but has ceased hard work to some extent. He also owns eighty acres opposite the road, the north portion of the Shoemaker homestead.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stark the following children have been born: Francis A. is postmaster at Whitestown; Nora O. is the wife of William E. Lane, of Indianapolis; Bertha N. is the wife of James Vance, of Union township; Dora E. lives in Lebanon; and Arminta died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Stark is a Republican. He served as township trustee from 1881 to 1882, inclusive. Religiously he belongs to the Baptist church, and has been a trustee and clerk of the local congregation. Mr. Stark is clerk of the Gadsten Horse Thief Protective Association.

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#### ISAAC H. BELLES.

It is a well-known fact, fully recognized by physicians and by all others who have made the subject a study, that a quiet life and steady habits promote longevity. In the cities, where the people are falling over each other in their desperate attempts to get rich suddenly, and where they are, as a consequence, in a severe nervous strain all the time, the mortality tables are much higher than in the rural districts. The farmer may, therefore, congratulate himself that though his life may be less eventful, it is certainly much longer, more satisfactory in every way than that of his city cousin. This important fact should be borne in mind when the young men of the farm catch the fever to become clerks in some cheap grocery in a town or hie away to the nearest metropolis and secure employment in a smoke-surcharged, noisy machine shop or factory. How much better is the life of the farmer who has won a farm from the forest, or plied his trade as blacksmith or wood-worker in a rural shop, reared a large family of healthy children, made a comfortable home and is able to spend his old age in peace and surrounded by plenty, beloved by all who have known him. Such a man is Isaac H. Belles, of Thorntown, Boone county, the oldest man in this section of the state, and one of the oldest in the state, for if he lives until Washington's birthday, 1915, he will have lived ninety-nine years of a century, and, being hale and hearty, as the result of a life of right thinking and

wholesome living, he bids fair to pass that milestone. He has lived to see the wonderful changes of this protracted epoch, making his own country appear like another world. He has seen the horse replace the oxen, the scythe give way to the mowing machine, the reap-hook supplanted by the self-binder and modern labor-saving machinery of all kinds doing the work of planting and harvesting formerly done by hand. He has seen the old-fashioned ox-cart and lumber wagon relegated to the rear and carriages, spring wagons,



ISAAC H. BELLES.  
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automobiles and even airships take their places. He has lived to see vast primeval forests melt away before the sturdy stroke of the axman and fine farms spring up as if by magic, and the country everywhere dotted with substantial dwellings in place of the log cabin, school houses and church edifices built in every community, and thriving towns and populous cities where once were the tepees of the red men or roamed at will the denizens of the wild, and he has seen the winding Indian trails changed into costly turnpikes and broad highways. He has not only been an interested spectator to all these vicissitudes but has acted well his part in the transformation.

Mr. Belles was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, February 22, 1816.

He is a son of William and Mary (Huff) Belles, both natives of New Jersey, where they were reared and married and lived until all their children were born, after which they removed to Ohio and finally came on to Boone county, Indiana. The father was a wagon-maker by trade. His death occurred July 31, 1842.

Isaac H. Belles was reared in a pioneer environment, amid the hardships and privations of that interesting period in our country's history, so he had plenty of hard work to do and little chance to obtain an education. When a young man he learned the trade of wagon maker, at which he became quite an expert, having been taught the same by a lad in Ohio, and he worked at this for some time. He also farmed some in his native state; in fact, continued tilling the soil there until 1855, when he removed to a farm in Washington township, Boone county, Indiana. He was a good manager and prospered with advancing years, adding to his original purchase here from time to time until he became owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and nineteen acres, being rated as one of the leading general farmers and stock raisers in that township. Owing to the encroachment of old age and the fact that he had laid by a goodly competency he sold his farm in 1909, bought a pleasant home in Thorntown and has been living here ever since, but he is still very active and is in possession of all his faculties, and has the appearance of a much younger man.

Mr. Belles was married to Abigail M. May, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and there reared and educated like the rest of the children of her time, in the brief terms of subscription schools, taught in log cabins. She was a daughter of Andrew and Catherine May, natives of Pennsylvania. Her death occurred in 1869. To our subject and wife the following children were born: David is deceased; Emmeline lives with her father; Angeline, Sarah and Francis A. are all deceased; Clark W. lives in Indianapolis; Alexander died in infancy; Mary M. is the widow of Lee M. Corkle, of Thorntown; Theodore lives in Indianapolis; Elethia is the wife of Joseph Jaques, of Thorntown; Alva C. lives in Indianapolis; Herschel, deceased.

Politically, Mr. Belles is a Republican, but has never sought to be a public man in any way. He has always been a man of good habits, and never used tobacco or liquor in any form, or in fact, had any bad habits, which, he thinks, has had much to do with lengthening out his long life. He has never been a member of secret or fraternal societies or orders.

## GILBERT H. HAMILTON.

Gilbert H. Hamilton, editor and publisher of the *Thorntown Times*, is a native of the Hoosier state, born on the ninth day of February, 1860, in the county of Montgomery, son of John and Matilda (Kendall) Hamilton. The Hamiltons are of German-English lineage and the family name is traceable to the eastern states, where it is still common and where the remote ancestors settled at a very early period in the country's history. John Hamilton, the subject's father, whose birth occurred in Ohio in the year 1823, was a son of Henry Hamilton, a native of that state, and a farmer by occupation. John Hamilton began the battle of life upon his own responsibility as a tiller of the soil in the vicinity of Thorntown, Boone county, to which part of the state his parents removed when he was a mere child. He was a successful agriculturist and manager, became the possessor of a valuable estate, and earned the reputation of a first-class business man and valuable citizen. He was reared in the religious faith of the Methodist church. He was a Republican in politics and wielded an influence for his party throughout the community where he lived. Mr. Hamilton was married three times, his last union being solemnized in 1857 with Matilda Kendall, who bore him ten children, nine of whom were reared to full estate. They were Gilbert H., whose name heads this mention; Edward E., Mrs. Mattie J. Allen, Mrs. Kittie Sidenstick, Charles H., Mrs. Tinnie Little, Mrs. Josephine Boohar, Sylvia and John. Mr. Hamilton passed the greater part of his married life in Montgomery county on a beautiful and well cultivated farm of one hundred sixty acres, where, on the sixth day of January, 1892, his death occurred.

Gilbert H. Hamilton received his early parental training on the home farm, and while still young was given the advantages of the best schools the county at that time afforded, his advancement being such that, at the age of seventeen, he was sufficiently qualified to teach, which profession he followed with the most gratifying success until attaining his majority, pursuing his duties assiduously under the direction of competent instructors at intervals. On reaching his twenty-first year, Mr. Hamilton yielded to a strong inclination to enter the field of Journalism, and made his first venture in the profession by purchasing, without personal inspection, the *Colfax Chronicle*,

in the office of which, without any previous knowledge in the line of newspaper work, he began his career as editor and manager. The young editor at first was harassed by many embarrassments, but a determined will enabled him to triumph over every obstacle, and he soon had the satisfaction of seeing the enterprise placed upon a substantial and remunerative basis, and himself launched upon the sea of successful journalism. After continuing the *Chronicle* at Colfax from 1882 to 1885, Mr. Hamilton, thinking that the growing city of Frankfort afforded a better field for the enterprise, moved the office to the latter place, where, in partnership with G. Y. Fowler, he established the *Frankfort Times*, which, although beset with numerous obstacles at the beginning, under his successful management as the executive head and editor, in the space of a little over two years arose to a circulation of nearly 3,000 subscribers and enjoyed a very liberal advertising patronage, becoming, indeed, one of the most successful local papers ever published in the county of Clinton. After living to see the enterprise, so unauspiciously begun in Frankfort, develop into one of the first printing establishments in central Indiana, Mr. Hamilton disposed of his interest in the office, and during the two succeeding years was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Cincinnati and Indianapolis, where for some time he gave his attention to the advertising and handling of specialties. After a brief business career in the latter city, Mr. Hamilton again embarked in the newspaper business in January, 1890, purchasing the *Thorntown Argus*, at that time a five-column folio, with a limited circulation.

Under his management the paper grew in size, circulation and prestige, and throughout its career of fifteen years under his ownership, was one of the most widely quoted papers published in a rural community. He sold the property January 1, 1905, after a prosperous career.

In July, 1905, he went to Connersville, Indiana, where he purchased and published the *Connersville Courier* for over three years. As an advocate of principles and practices tending to the advancement of the best interests of the community in which he labored, he received early recognition as a power for good and through dissemination of information as news he so wrought public opinion that he caused to be put over more reform legislation in civic affairs for the benefit of the public of that city than had ever been acquired before.

Being tempted with an offer for his paper, that made it seem indiscreet

to decline to sell, he sold out and again returned to Thorntown, which place had continued his residence and where there was a pressing demand for his return to the newspaper field.

The result was the establishing of the *Thorntown Times* which in a single year leaped to a position in business, circulation and prestige, which placed it in the front ranks. At this time he is still engaged in its publication and the paper occupies its own home with a modern outfit of type and machinery, the latter all driven by electric power.

Of Mr. Hamilton personally, it is only necessary to say that he is a typical man of the times, a characteristic American, enterprising in all the term implies; and in all the attributes of honorable citizenship, honesty of purpose, and uprightness of character, he stands prominent in his community. Politically, he is a Republican, and as such has been a potent factor in his party's success, both as a trenchant writer and as a worker in the ranks. He was honored by his party with the nomination for senator from the joint counties of Boone and Hendricks in the campaign of 1912, but suffered the same fate that befell the entire twenty-five candidates from over the state, owing to the party division of that year caused by the Progressive movement.

For a quarter century he has held membership in the Republican Editorial Association of Indiana, and the Northern Association of Editorial Writers, and has frequently represented these bodies at the national meeting as a delegate from the local organization.

Fraternally, he is an active member of the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias. For nearly twenty-five years he has enjoyed the distinction of a thirty-second degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason and has also been a noble of the Mystic Shrine for the same period.

As an evidence of the local esteem in which he is held by the people of his home community, where he has lived a quarter century, Mr. Hamilton is serving a second term as a member of the school trustees, and is president of the body, as well as that of the library commission which is completing an elegant ten thousand dollar library building in the heart of the city and near the schools.

Mr. Hamilton was married November 24, 1881, in Colfax, Indiana, to Florence E. Graves, who was born July 24, 1862, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Robert Graves, an officer in the United States naval service.

## ARTHUR MAPLE.

One of the tillers of the soil in Boone county who has lived to see great changes in agricultural affairs since he began farming is Arthur Maple, of Marion township, having noted, among other things, that there has been a very steady increase in the value of products per farm in the United States during the past thirty years. Not as great an increase as in other lines of industry, perhaps, but we compare favorably with the farmers of other nations. Two decades ago the average farm produced annually in this country five hundred and thirty-eight dollars; one decade ago, eight hundred and twenty-two dollars; the figures now run to thirteen hundred and thirty-six dollars. We also show, according to reliable statistics, an increase of over two million farms during this period. All the while Mr. Maple has been a close observer and has progressed with the times until he ranks today among our best farmers and worthy citizens.

Mr. Maple was born October 12, 1855 in Henry county, Indiana. He is a son of George L. and Harriett A. (Beach) Maple, the former a native of Rush county, Indiana, and the latter a native of Henry county, this state. The paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Hillis) Maple, were natives of Kentucky, where they grew up and married, later removing to Rush county, Indiana, secured government land, the nearest railroad point being Cincinnati, Ohio, sixty miles away. Mr. Maple walked all the way to Indianapolis and back to pay his entry fee. He built a cabin of poles, hanging quilts over the openings to protect the family from the weather, living thus for some time until he built a substantial log cabin, which he did without any help. He cleared and developed his land and succeeded through hard work. The history of the Beach family is traceable to a remote period in our country's history. We first hear of Thomas Beach, of the New Haven colony, who settled at Milford, Connecticut in 1654, where his great-grandson, Zerah Beach, was born August 15, 1770. The latter's son, Stephen Beach, was born January 3, 1803, and died September 8, 1878. He came to Henry county, Indiana, in an early day and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government.

Grandmother Beach who was known in her maidenhood as Anna Puntney, was born June 30, 1806, and her death occurred August 18, 1887. She



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was of French-Huguenot descent, her ancestors having been compelled to flee from Rochelle, France, in 1690 on account of religious persecutions. They emigrated to the island of St. Eustatius in the West Indies. Subsequently they went to Oxford, England, and finally members of the family made their way to the United States and settled at Little Gun Power Falls, Hartford county, Indiana. Their religious belief was what is now embraced by the United Presbyterians.

John Maple and his brother Isaac built the first log Presbyterian church in the community where they lived in Rush county, calling it Ebenezer, by which name it is still known. Stephen Beach and wife, our subject's grandparents, had eight children, thirty-eight grandchildren, sixty great grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren, making one hundred and six in number. Two of their sons served in the Civil war, George P. Beach was a soldier for three years in Company A, Thirty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he is now living in Spiceland, Indiana; Jesse H. Green, their son-in-law, served three years on the flag-ship *Wabash*.

The parents of our subject were married in Henry county, Indiana, and began housekeeping on a farm. The death of the mother occurred in 1864. The father subsequently married Cassie Fohl, of Pennsylvania. This union was without issue. In 1882 George Maple sold out and removed to Kansas where he lived until 1894, when he sold out and invested in property at Ponca City, Oklahoma, and there he built up a large trade in grain. His death occurred in 1900 at the age of seventy-one years. Besides our subject he had one other son, Ezra, an extensive stock feeder of Kansas City, Missouri, married Angie Palin, a native of Henry county, Indiana.

Arthur Maple was thrown on his own resources at his mother's death, the home being broken up. He received his education in the common schools and in Spiceland Academy, after which he taught three years in the district schools, then turned his attention to farming and stock raising in partnership with his brother, in Henry and Wayne counties, and they got a good start, doing well in both lines.

Mr. Maple was married March 16, 1881, to Nannie M. Eaton, who was born April 13, 1859, in Marion county, Indiana. She is a daughter of William T. and Elizabeth (Freeman) Eaton, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. Mr. Eaton was for a number of years a prosperous dry-goods merchant at New Palestine, Indiana. Mrs. Maple

received a good common school education. After his marriage Mr. Maple lived two years in Henry county, then bought eighty acres in Hancock county, which he sold two years later and moved to Harper county, Kansas, entering one hundred and sixty acres from the government, which he improved, and he set out eight acres of timber on the prairie, and there successfully carried on general farming and stock raising until 1894, when he sold out and moved to Arkansas City, Kansas, remaining there a year. In the fall of 1894 he moved to Marion township, Boone county, Indiana, and bought eighty-three acres, on which stood a house and a log barn. These he removed and erected modern, substantial buildings, and has brought the place up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He makes a specialty of registered Poland-China hogs and Durham cattle.

Mr. Maple's family consists of these children: Ethel D., born December 13, 1884; Elta Bliss, born October 7, 1889; Arthur Loyal, born May 4, 1893, lives in Deming, New Mexico; the youngest daughter is a student in Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana. They were all born in Kansas.

Politically Mr. Maple is a Progressive. While living in Kansas he served three terms as township trustee.

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#### JOSEPH M. WILSON.

Conspicuous in the roll of names of men that have conferred honor upon Boone county during a past generation, whose name contributed much to the early development and general progress in material and civic affairs in the locality of which this history treats was the late Joseph M. Wilson, a man whose attainments and work were ever characterized by exactness and thoroughness. In all the relations of life he was an honorable, upright gentleman who won the sincere respect of all with whom he came into contact. Mr. Wilson belonged to that praiseworthy class of men found now and then throughout the nation, who have worked their way from somewhat discouraging beginnings to places of leadership and high esteem in their communities, and it is still a proud boast of our country that such victors are held of a far greater worth and value to the Union and their fellow-men in general than the so-called aristocratic type, with their inherited wealth,

position and distinguished name. Mr. Wilson rose paramount to environment and all which sought to hinder him, while many of his contemporaries, possessing less mettle and less fortitude, were falling exhausted by the highway we call life, for the maxim which seemed to hold sway over him was "Through struggle to triumph." He believed in doing well whatever he undertook and in extending aid and sympathy to others, and thus as a result of this humanitarian attribute, his exemplary private life and his abiding public spirit, he was held in high esteem by all classes, and his career is worthy of perpetuation on the pages of history.

Mr. Wilson was born in Ohio and was a son of George and Honor Wilson, an excellent old family of the Buckeye state. He grew to manhood in his native locality and received his education in the old-time schools, and upon reaching manhood he married Hattie E. Gipson, a woman of many commendable traits of character. She is a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Scott) Gipson. Her father came with his parents, William and Nancy Gipson, to Boone county, Indiana, October 29, 1829, thus being among the earliest settlers here. They located on land entered from the government near what is now Jamestown, in which town John Gipson built the first house—a log cabin. The family found here a wilderness indeed, and they endured the usual hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, but being thrifty they became well established and eventually influential in the community as it became settled. Mary (Scott) Gipson, mother of Mrs. Wilson, was born in Boone county, Kentucky, October 9, 1814. By hard and honest toil Isaac Gipson accumulated several hundred acres of valuable land in what is now Sugar Creek township, and there he and his wife died.

The following children were born to Joseph M. Wilson and wife: Murray H., who lives in Sugar Creek township; Story died when four years of age; Pearl is the wife of Dr. William Myers, of Louisville, Kentucky; Rufa lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

After his marriage, Joseph M. Wilson engaged in the saw and grist mill business in Sugar Creek township, Boone county, conducting these with success until burned out, after which he took up farming in this township, owning a large and valuable farm, where he carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. Accumulating a handsome competency through his long years of close application and good management he retired from the farm and removed to Thorntown, where he built one of the

finest residences in the county and in which he spent the remainder of his life, and in this same home his widow continues to reside, being now advanced in years, but having the appearance of a much younger lady. She has a host of warm personal friends throughout this vicinity.

Politically, Mr. Wilson was a Democrat and was influential in public affairs. In religious matters he was a worthy member of the Presbyterian church.

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#### JAMES ARGALUS SMOCK.

That the products of the farm will have a reasonably safe market is indicated by a constantly increasing consumption within our own country; that the business of farming as a business compares favorably with any other vocation in stability; that the security of farm investment assures, invites and encourages the inclination landward. With all of these influences working in one direction, supported by the incalculable forces of the agricultural schools and colleges, the press and vast aggregation of brains identified with the vocation, it would seem that the most radical predictions of the present day may prove far too conservative before another decade has passed. One of the citizens of Boone county who had the sagacity to foresee an unprecedented demand for the products of the farm and has therefore made a pronounced success of his chosen vocation is James Argalus Smock, of Perry township.

Mr. Smock was born at Jamestown, Jackson township, Boone county, July 8, 1863. He is a son of James and Ellen (Davis) Smock, the father a native of Marion county and the mother was born in Boone county. The paternal grandparents were Samuel and Elizabeth Smock, and both were natives of Kentucky. They were early settlers in Boone county, Indiana, where they entered land from the government and established the future home of the family. After their marriage the parents of our subject settled in Jackson township, this county, and here they engaged successfully in general farming, but he finally died in the state of Arkansas. The death of the mother of our subject occurred in February, 1902. Their children were: Christina, Mary Darens, Ambrose, Nicholas, Alva, and James A., of this sketch, who was the oldest son.

Mr. Smock grew up on the home farm, and, being compelled to work hard, his early education was not extensive. He began life for himself at the age of thirteen years, earning twenty-five cents per day for two years. He assisted his mother to rear the younger children until his marriage, February 11, 1886, to Jemima Neal, who was born in Perry township, Boone county, March 4, 1869, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated in the public schools. She is a daughter of Jackson and Ann (Shirley) Neal, both natives of Boone county. The mother of Mrs. Smock died in 1872 and she was reared in the home of Albert McDaniel, a Baptist minister. James A. Smock and his wife began housekeeping on rented land, the husband's total capital then being eighty dollars. He continued renting until 1887, when he purchased thirty acres, eight miles southeast of Lebanon, on the Indianapolis and LaFayette turnpike. There was a small log cabin on the place, and the land was bogs, brush and unimproved. He lived in the cabin until May, 1895, in the meantime improving his land, and then moved into his present fine frame dwelling. He has now an excellent farm here, having cleared, ditched and tiled his land and erected good outbuildings. As he prospered he added to his original purchase until he now owns two hundred and fifty-two acres, which is all improved with four excellent sets of buildings, and Mr. Smock carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, long since ranking among the county's most progressive agriculturists. Two of his sons live in two of his houses, his son-in-law in another, and he occupies the fourth residence. He makes a specialty of raising Percheron horses, Poland-China hogs and a good grade of mules.

To Mr. and Mrs. Smock the following children were born: David A., born July 14, 1887; Vessie, born March 4, 1889, married Fred Cooper, of Marion county, Indiana; Lawrence, born October 12, 1890; Hazel, born November 29, 1892, married A. Caldwell, and they live on our subject's farm; Ruth, born May 28, 1893, married Pleasant Johnson, of Brownsburg, Hendricks county; Edna, born March 29, 1897, died October 20, 1899. Our subject and wife have two grandchildren, Clayson Smock, son of Lawrence Smock and wife, who was born June 23, 1912; and Fay Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Johnson's son, who was born March 28, 1912.

Politically, Mr. Smock is a Democrat, and in the fall of 1911 he was elected county commissioner, and is now incumbent of this important office,

the duties of which he is discharging in a manner that reflects much credit upon himself and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. His term expires January 1, 1916. Mrs. Smock is a member of the Baptist church. The family stands high in the best circles of the community.

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### SAMSON BOWEN.

Samson Bowen, one of our most honored pioneers of Boone county, Indiana, was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, August 19, 1818. His parents were Francis and Sarah G. (Turley) Bowen, who died, respectively, August 20, 1866, and July 19, 1874. Mrs. Sarah G. Bowen was a daughter of William Turley, a native of Virginia. She bore her husband twelve children, all of whom lived to manhood and womanhood. Francis Bowen was of Welsh extraction and by trade was a tanner.

Samson Bowen, when he became old enough for manual labor, was hired out to a planter until he reached the age of eighteen when, in November, 1836, he came to Boone county, Indiana, worked industriously, and in August, 1838, purchased a farm of forty acres; in 1840, he bought forty acres additional, and eventually increased it to two hundred eighty acres. April 11, 1844, Mr. Bowen was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary A. Burke, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Basket) Burke, who had born to them a family of thirteen children, of whom Dr. George L. Burke of Jamestown is one. Samuel Burke died September 24, 1839, and Mrs. Elizabeth Burke was called from earth February 27, 1865, the remains of both being interred in Erskine cemetery, Boone county. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Samson Bowen were named in order of birth as follows: George E., born March 7, 1846; Elbert C., born December 7, 1847; Armilda M., born July 2, 1849, and died September 15, 1858; Emily J., born January 19, 1851, and died September 21, 1853; James C., born May 9, 1853, died September 27, 1853, and Marietta, born July 25, 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen were pious members of the Christian church and stood deservedly high in the estimation of the community in which they lived for so many years. Politically, Mr. Bowen was a faithful adherent of the Democratic party. Mr. Bowen was called away December 5, 1899, having reached the venerable age of eighty-one years.

## THOMAS WALLACE DULAN.

Our attention has recently been called to the alarming decrease of farm products in the United States while its population is steadily increasing. We are also told that our most priceless treasure, the fertility of our soil, has been so dissipated by slipshod methods of tilling it that we are now face to face with the necessity of increasing its power to produce or else go hungry in the near future. We who would eat must get in touch with the things of earth once more as consumers if not as producers. One of the farmers of Boone county who seems to thoroughly understand how to handle his soil so as to get the largest crops from it and yet not deplete its strength is Thomas Wallace Dulan, of Union township, who has spent practically all his life on the home farm and it is now more productive and more valuable than ever before.

Mr. Dulan was born in the above named township and county, August 6, 1875. He is a son of John A. and Mary A. (Carr) Dulan, the father also a native of Union township, and the mother was born in Clermont county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents were John and Priscilla (Boswell) Dulan, both natives of Kentucky where they grew up and were married; the maternal grandparents were Madison and Hannah (Bobbs) Carr, both natives of Virginia. Grandfather Dulan made the long journey on horseback from Kentucky to Boone county, Indiana, in an early day, and here entered land from the government. On this he later settled and cleared and developed it into a good farm and became one of the leading citizens of the community. He was active in Democratic politics, and served one term as county commissioner. He lived to an advanced age, dying November 5, 1909. His widow lives with the subject of this sketch on the old homestead. She, too, is now well along in years, but is fairly hearty and has possession of her faculties, talks interestingly of the early days and the changes that have taken place since she first came to this locality to reside.

To John A. Dulan and wife the following children were born: Harvey lives in Lawrence county, Indiana; John resides in Noblesville; Jessie lives in Marion township, Boone county; Thomas W., of this review; Frank lives in Fort Wayne; Lulu is the wife of John Riddle, of Center township, this county; and Claude E. lives in Union township.

Thomas W. Dulan grew up on the farm and received his education in the public schools. He has lived on the home farm since he was three years old and here he has devoted his attention exclusively to general farming and stock raising and has been very successful. He and his mother own a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and fifteen acres, of the old homestead. His father was an extensive raiser of Belgium and Norman horses, and our subject has continued to pay much attention to raising a good grade of live stock.

Thomas W. Dulan was married October 5, 1905, to Dora Dale, who was born in Jackson township, Boone county, and here she grew to womanhood and was educated. Her death occurred on August 6, 1906.

Politically, Mr. Dulan is a Democrat, and fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, Celestial Lodge, No. 525, at Whitestown.

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#### JOHN HANNA DAVIS.

The biographies of the representative men of a county bring to light many hidden treasures of mind, character and courage, well calculated to arouse the pride of their family and of the community, and it is a source of regret that the people are not more familiar with the personal history of such men, in the ranks of whom may be found tillers of the soil, mechanics, teachers, business men, professional men and those of varied vocations. John Hanna Davis, member of the well-known livery firm of Davis Brothers, of Lebanon, Boone county, is one who has earned a name for enterprise, integrity and thrift.

Mr. Davis was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, February 22, 1868. He is a son of Josiah and Mary T. (Ellis) Davis. The father was a native of Kentucky from which state he came to Montgomery county in an early day and established his future home.

John H. Davis received a fairly good education in the common schools, but he worked hard on the farm when a boy, in fact, continued general farming until 1883 when he went to Brown's Valley, in his native county where he began the livery business in which he was successful from the first. He later followed the same line of work in New Market, Indiana, until 1889.

then we find him in Montezuma, Parke county in the same business, which he followed there for a period of eight years.

He came to Lebanon in 1900 and went into the livery business in partnership with S. F. Cox which continued until 1905 and they have since operated one of the best equipped and most popular livery barns in this section of Indiana, keeping good, serviceable horses and vehicles.

Mr. Davis was married in October, 1895, to Maude Wilson, whose death occurred March, 1899. Politically he is a Democrat, but has never been especially active in party affairs. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Presbyterian church.

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#### MARK BROWN CRIST.

Mark Brown Crist, son of L. M. and Mrs. Eunice (Brown) Crist, was born at Liberty, Indiana, December 2, 1872, and died at his home, 7224 Mt. Vernon street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1914. He was married at Dayton, Ohio, March 25, 1900, to Miss Anna Field. To this union were born five children, Eunice, Floyd F., Mary Eleanor, Ida and Orpha Lee.

Mark B. was tutored at home, chose his profession at the age of twelve, graduated at Purdue University, went into the shop at Dayton, Ohio; thence to Troy, New York; thence to New York City for five years, where he received the practical training for his profession, electrical and mechanical engineering. The past ten years he has been with the Westinghouse people at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He attained to the position of chief engineer. Early in life he gave his heart and service to Christ and was faithful to the end, attaining to the highest positions of trust and usefulness in the church home of his choice, the United Presbyterian church at Homewood, in Pittsburg.

We quote Miss Lydia Hoath at the funeral services October 29, 1914: "I wish that I were able to pay to the life and character of Mark Brown Crist the tribute that is due. Most of his boyhood years were in our midst. His activities were more closely centered in the home than was usual with most of us. It was for the most part his school and workshop and in a large

measure, too, his playground and his social world; for its doors were ever open to aspiring youth and its spacious grounds witnessed many a wholesome festival and frolic; and here the family gathered about them many choice, congenial spirits for the mutual enrichment of their lives. In this home of rare culture, careful discipline and high moral ideals, he grew to manhood a happy, obedient, ambitious son.

The best testimony to the value of these early influences and training is the record of the years that closely followed. Mark went out from such



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fostering care to pursue his studies at the university, thoroughly equipped to meet its requirements in scholarship—a student of independent mold—and also, fortified against such temptations as often prove too strong for many college men. Such was his record, that on graduating from Purdue University, the president made this remarkable statement, that he could say of Mark Crist what possibly he could not say of any other young man, 'He had done more for Purdue University than Purdue University had done for him.'

His graduation was indeed the commencement of steady progress in his

chosen profession, electrical engineering. The great city hence became his home, but it had spread in vain its snares for his feet. Here as in college life he was able to stand the test. After a few years in Dayton, Ohio; Troy, New York; and New York City, he accepted a position with the Westinghouse Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, with which corporation he has been connected for the past ten years. In this day of close competition and increased efficiency, he was recently promoted to the position of chief engineer. An incident marks the freedom of his professional progress from the all too prevalent taint of greed and selfishness. The Westinghouse people found it necessary, a few years ago, to lessen its force of workers on account of a general financial depression. Among those thus reluctantly laid aside was a man who had served the company faithfully and well for about twenty years and who would feel the disappointment keenly. This so weighed upon the heart of Mark Crist that he went before the board of directors and requested that the older man be retained and he himself dismissed.

While living in New York City, Mark was married to a Christian young woman of sterling qualities, Miss Anna Field. To them have been born five happy children, Eunice, Floyd F., Mary Eleanor, Ida and Orpha Lee and each was welcomed as a gift from the Father above. It was my privilege during two years residence in Pittsburg, to be granted the freedom and fellowship of this home. Here was what may be best described as normal family life, in the midst of much that is more or less artificial or stunted and narrow. Though the interest of the father largely centered in the home and in his business, none of life's right relationships were ignored or seemed neglected. He was responsive to the call of duty in the political world, in the church and in the community. His close relationship to activities of the Young Men's Christian Association and the church, form a continuous thread through the fabric of years, marking his attitude toward God.

At the time of his death he was a deacon in the Reformed Presbyterian church and a teacher of its large Bible class of adult men. On being chosen teacher of the class, he wrote his father that he felt unworthy of such a trust, but knowing of his years of study of the Word and his conscientious devotion to any accepted task, the father encouraged him to respect the estimate of others.

In this brief survey, I am impressed with the unity which existed in

the midst of great variation of environment. That unity lay in the habit of seeking to get from every situation and experience the highest and best it had to offer, and to contribute to them in turn the best of which he was capable. And now the final test has come. The life has returned to God who gave it, whose balances are not deflected by any errors of human judgment. As a minister of the Gospel of Christ, I bear testimony that over all this splendid record of years would be written failure, not success, had Mark been without that faith in Christ Jesus as his Redeemer and Savior, which brought to him the satisfactory evidence that he pleased God. We believe the life which we saw was made possible by beholding Him who is invisible.

His last words were, 'leaving—leaving—leaving, all is complete.' He was leaving father and her, who through the ministry of years he had recognized as mother and the devoted wife, all honored and beloved; the children for whom he had joyfully planned and striven; many comrades and friends. He was leaving when he seemed most needed, with great tasks seemingly incomplete and with skies full of promise, but in that hour he could say, 'All is complete.' Surely this is the utterance of a sublime faith—a faith that believes with the great John G. Paton, 'The servant does his work and passes on through the gates of sleep to the Happy Dawn; but the Divine Master lives and works and reigns, and by our death, as surely by our life, his holy purposes shall be fulfilled.'

We have suffered loss and the sorrow will be keenest for those who knew and loved him best. These are left to mourn, 'tis true, but to be sustained, as well, by a Mighty Hand. The children too, may find that father's footsteps may be traced and father's God is nigh. He has been allured to brighter worlds and led the way."

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#### ELISHA JACKSON.

In the person of this venerable pioneer farmer, long since deceased, we have a representative of a worthy race of people to whom the country is largely indebted for its development and progress. He was simply a plain, industrious tiller of the soil, who worked hard to get a start in the world, provided well for his family, did his duty to his fellow-men and made a good neighbor and citizen. To such as he, Indiana owes much. Here and there,

scattered over the state in every county, on well-tilled acres, they toiled and worked, cleared, grubbed and ditched, fought the forces of Nature in the way of swamps and dense forests, gradually making headway, until in time we see the beautiful and highly cultivated farms as the result of their arduous labors. Such were the pioneer farmers. They did not figure in public life. Their names were seldom mentioned in the papers, for they lived quiet and unpretentious lives, but it was their work and self-sacrifice that was gradually building up the state, adding to its wealth and beauty, until it became one of the finest agricultural regions in the world. Mr. Jackson was a public-spirited man in all that the term implies, was ever interested in enterprises tending to promote the general welfare and withheld his support from no movement for the good of the locality so long honored by his residence. His personal relations with his fellow-men were ever mutually pleasant and agreeable, and he was highly regarded by all, ever obliging, neighborly and honest.

Elisha Jackson was born in Putnam county, Indiana, May 3, 1830. He was a son of Joseph and Martha (Heady) Jackson, natives of South Carolina, from which state they came to Indiana in a very early day and established their home, pre-empting government land in Putnam county, and later they came to Boone county, locating in Jackson township, where they entered land from the government. There the father spent the rest of his life, the widow spending the rest of her life at the home of a daughter, dying some years afterwards.

Elisha Jackson grew up on the home farm, which he helped to clear and develop, finding plenty of hard work in those early times, and he received the usual meager educational advantages of those days. In November, 1855, he married Elizabeth J. Hendricks, who was born in Parke county, Indiana, March 11, 1835. She grew up in the same early environments and received her education in the old-time schools. She is a daughter of Adam and Sarah L. (Burke) Hendricks, both natives of Kentucky, the father born in Bath county and the mother in Fleming county. The paternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine (Thompson) Hendricks, were also natives of Kentucky, while the maternal grandparents, Samuel and Margaret (Reeves) Burke, were natives of Virginia. After his marriage, Elisha Jackson rented a farm in Jackson township two years, then bought forty acres of partly timbered land, which he started to improve, and to which he kept adding

other land and trading land until there was left one hundred and twenty acres, which is now all under excellent improvements. He carried on general farming successfully and was an extensive raiser of horses, mules, cattle and hogs, and ranked among the leading agriculturists of his day in Boone county.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson: Margaret E., wife of James Dale of Jackson township; Armilda J., wife of Ephraim Kibbey, of this township; Sarah M., wife of George Dale of this township; Martha A., who was the wife of John Reese, of this township, died in 1905; George W., lives in Jackson township; Charles V. lives in Lebanon; Thomas M. lives in this township; Arie Alva died in 1890 at the age of twenty-two years; Joseph lives in Jackson township; Emma is the wife of Otto Patterson, of Center township.

Elisha Jackson was a Democrat, and religiously he belonged to the New-light Christian church. His death occurred November 4, 1888. After that time Mrs. Jackson lived among her children for seven years, then returned to the old home place, and her brother, John M. Hendricks, is looking after her farm, his wife assisting in the housekeeping. Mrs. Jackson is a fine elderly lady whom everybody likes. She tells many interesting things of the pioneer days, and although she is now long past her three score and ten she is comparatively hearty.

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#### LARKIN BECK.

Year has been added to year and decade to decade until four score and five years have been numbered with the irrevocable past since Larkin Beck, a venerable and highly honored pioneer citizen, now living in retirement in his cozy home at Zionsville, Boone county, first opened his eyes to the light in Hoosierdom and he has been contented to spend his long, active and useful life upon her soil and has thus lived throughout her real historic period, little being recorded on the printed page before the year of his advent into the world. When he was a boy, the state, except in a few places, was an undeveloped region, wilderness, in fact, awaiting the awakening touch of the sturdy pioneers to transform its wild lands into rich farms and beautiful

homes, to found towns, establish schools and churches and in many other ways to reclaim the country for the use of man. As one of the early workers in this locality he led the van of civilization into this favored region. Mr. Beck well deserves mention with the historical characters of this locality, and it is with pleasure that a brief review of his life is herewith presented, for the present generation owes to him and to his contemporaries who paved the way by their laborious endeavor for the present advanced state of society, which we can never repay.

Mr. Beck was born in Union county, Indiana, April 11, 1829. He is a son of John Beck, a native of North Carolina. He was a son of Solomon Beck, also a native of the old Tar state, but the latter's parents were natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to the United States and settled in North Carolina in the old colonial days and there the family became widely known and well established. The parents of our subject grew up in their native state and emigrated to Indiana in a very early day, settling in Union county when the wide reaching woods were yet filled with all kinds of wild beasts and nomadic bands of red men. They were people of courage, honesty and hospitality, which traits are marked in our subject also. They erected a log cabin, cleared by degrees their virgin land and eventually had a good farm and a comfortable home. And in that pioneer environment Larkin Beck grew to manhood and worked hard assisting his father on the homestead. Like other pioneer children his education, obtained in the log-cabin subscription schools, was meager. Upon reaching manhood he married Sarah Pauley, who was born in Alabama, of English ancestry, and she was young in years when she came to Indiana. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beck, named as follows: Mrs. Margaret Ann Beeter, Joseph, John, Oliver, Alice and Julia. The mother of these children passed to her rest in 1901, after a long record as a faithful helpmeet and good mother and neighbor.

Mr. Beck came to Boone county in early years and lived near Thorntown many years and is well known in that part of the county. He later owned the Berry Hill farm in Eagle township, now the property of his son-in-law, James E. Holler, who married Alice Beck. This place consists of forty acres and is an excellent fruit, berry and dairy farm. Our subject has been living retired for a number of years and is spending the December of his

years in quiet and comfort. He has always been noted for his honesty and uprightness, and, like a number of his brothers, is well known in both Boone and Union counties. He is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### CHARLES D. OREAR.

One of the leading members of the Boone county bar is Charles D. Orear, of Lebanon. His treatment of his case is always full of comprehension and accuracy, his analysis of the facts clear and exhaustive, and he seems to grasp without effort, the relation and dependence of facts and so groups them as to enable him to throw their combined force upon the point they tend to prove. He is now only an able and reliable counsellor, with a thorough acquaintance of the principles, intricacies and complexities of jurisprudence, but his honesty is such that he frequently advises against long and expensive litigation, and this too, at the loss of liberal fees which otherwise he could easily earn. Mr. Orear is also a leader in Republican politics in this section of the state. He has ever acted upon the principle that he who serves his country best serves his party best, and with this object in view his political efforts, although strenuous and in the highest degree influential, have been above the slightest suspicion of dishonor and his counsels have not only met with the approval of his party associates but commanded the respect of the opposition as well.

Mr. Orear was born April 20, 1868 on a farm in Hendricks county, Indiana. He is a son of Dr. John H. and Mary E. (Kirkpatrick) Orear, both natives of Montgomery county, Kentucky where they spent their earlier years, emigrating to Montgomery county, Indiana, in pioneer days, and there they were married, the Kirkpatrick family having preceded our subject's father, they having been early settlers there. Dr. John H. Orear was a practicing physician at Brown's Valley, Montgomery county for many years, removing, about 1867 to a farm in Hendricks county where he engaged in farming about five years. In 1872 he moved his family to Jamestown, Boone county and practiced medicine there until his death, December 25 1891 at the age of seventy years. He was a successful physician of the old school and a highly respected citizen. His widow is still living, making her



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home in the city of Lebanon, and is now eighty-two years of age. Politically, Doctor Orear was first a Whig, later a Republican and was a strong party man, of decided opinions. Hon. Edward C. Orear, the Kentucky jurist and politician is a half-brother of our subject's father. Nine children were born to Dr. John H. Orear and wife, namely: William H., of Lebanon; Armilda Jane, wife of Emory F. Lowry, a veterinary surgeon of Ottumwa, Iowa; Lillie A., now Mrs. Edward E. Camplin, of Jamestown, Indiana; Elizabeth, deceased; Oliver, postmaster; Charles D., of this sketch; Mary Scott, now the wife of Eldred E. Emmons, of Omaha, Nebraska; Katherine is at home with her mother; and Margaret who died in infancy.

Charles D. Orear was only five years old when the family moved to Jamestown. He received his early education in the public schools of Boone county, graduating from the Lebanon high school in 1886. He then taught school for some time, in alternate years, his last year being in the high school at Mason City, Iowa. During this period he attended DePauw University every other year. He gave every promise of becoming an able educator, but deciding that the law held greater attractions for him he turned his attention to that, and in the fall of 1892 he entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1894, having made an excellent record for scholarship there. Soon thereafter he was admitted to the Marion county bar at Indianapolis to practice in all the state courts. He first located in Crawfordsville, Indiana, in the office of Hon. M. D. White in which he remained about a year, then came to Jamestown, Boone county where he remained, enjoying a good business, until January, 1899. In 1898 the Republicans of Boone county induced Mr. Orear to become a candidate for prosecuting attorney, but the county being hopelessly democratic he was defeated, although making a very creditable race. After the campaign he located in Lebanon for the practice of his profession and here he has since continued and has built up an extensive practice, and stands in the front rank of the local attorneys-at-law. He has been admitted to practice in the federal court and is one of the best known and most successful lawyers in this section of the state. He is a member of the county and state bar associations. From 1906 to 1908, inclusive, he was county attorney and since 1910 has been city attorney in Lebanon, both positions coming to him unsought. As a public servant he has ever discharged his duties with rare ability and fidelity, giving the utmost satisfaction to all

concerned. He served as a member of the Republican County Executive Committee, and in 1902 and 1904 was secretary of the County Committee, and his efforts were very largely responsible for the successful work of the committee in those years. He has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions.

Mr. Orear was married November 30, 1911 to Lucile Wilson, of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, the home of his ancestors. She is a daughter of William and Sarah Mynheir, an excellent family of the old Blue Grass state. Mrs. Orear is a lady of refinement and was well educated. The union of our subject and wife has been without issue.

Fraternally, Mr. Orear belongs to the Masonic Order in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and he has served two terms as eminent commander of Lebanon Commandery No. 43, Knights Templars. While in college he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and are active in church and Sunday school work. For some time Mr. Orear was president of the Methodist Brotherhood. He carries his Christianity into his every-day affairs and is a man of exemplary habits and honorable impulses, an obliging, genial gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

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#### RUFUS CONRAD.

Farming is the biggest business in the world, but there is room for great improvement, and there is much that the farmers of Indiana and everywhere can learn, although our farmers are already capable workmen, and constructive work that will permanently benefit agriculture must be planned on a big, broad, comprehensive basis. Co-operating with the farmer as an individual does not seem to be sufficient and does not reach the heart of the problem. The more important work can be done only through organization. There should be a partnership between industries and each line of organized industry within its own orbit. The bankers can render a service by working out a system of credits better adapted to the business of farming: the transportation lines can help the tillers of the soil by locating markets and reaching them in best condition at the lowest expense: the agricultural departments of govern-

ment by co-ordinating supply and demand and the study of market conditions and methods.

One of the most progressive farmers of Marion township, Boone county, who has proven his ability to succeed unaided under existing conditions, is Rufus Conrad, who was born in Clay township, Hamilton county, August 26, 1860. He is a son of Martin and Phereba (Bishop) Conrad, the father born in Forsyth county, North Carolina, in 1819, and the mother was born in Edinburg, Indiana, in 1832. It was in 1834 that the father of our subject came to Clay township, Hamilton county, with his parents, Daniel and Johanna (Lineback) Conrad. However, they had spent the preceding winter in Boone county. The grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania and the grandmother was born in North Carolina. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Joseph and Mary (Denidger) Bishop, and were both natives of Tennessee, from which state they came to Indiana in an early day. Both grandfathers entered land from the government and here established their future homes. Martin Conrad, mentioned above, established his home after his marriage on a farm on the line of Hamilton and Boone county, and a year later he purchased a farm of his father in Hamilton county. He first married Julian Carter, and spent ten years engaged in merchandising in Indianapolis, but after his second marriage, followed farming, but moved to Zionsville three different times, spending a year there each time. He was in the grocery business there about three years. His death occurred in 1897, his widow surviving until 1900. He had two children by his first wife and eight by his second.

Rufus Conrad grew up on the home farm and there worked until he was twenty years old, during crop seasons, attending the common schools in Hamilton county and the high school at Westfield, during the winter months. He then lived with his brother on the old home place with the exception of one summer, 1881, which he spent on the State Fruit Farm of Minnesota, of which Peter M. Gideon was superintendent. On April 8, 1885, he married Mattie Hawkins, who was a native of Union township and a daughter of Rev. John and Elizabeth (Stoghill) Hawkins, of Kentucky. The father was a minister of the Baptist denomination and he established the church at Elizaville, Indiana, and preached for years at different places in this locality. After spending six months on his father's farm in Eagle township, Boone county, Rufus Conrad moved on the old farm of his grandfather

Conrad, which he rented two years, later buying fifty-five acres in section 13, Union township, this county. He began at once to make substantial improvements, and erected splendid buildings, good fences and did many things in making this one of the valuable and desirable places in the township, and as he prospered through good management and close application he added to his original holdings until he became owner of two hundred and thirteen acres of fine land which constitute his present holdings in Union township, comprising three farms, all of which he rents except ten acres. He makes a specialty of raising Chester White hogs.

Mr. Conrad and wife have the following children: Hazel, wife of Glenn Bradshaw, of Union township; Cecil Hadin died in infancy; Magelle is attending high school at Zionsville.

Politically, Mr. Conrad is a Democrat and has been a loyal supporter of the party. He was elected trustee of Union township in 1908 and has held the office ever since. Previous to that he was a member of the advisory board. As a public servant he has been most faithful in the discharge of his duties. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and religiously belongs to the Christian church, in which he has been a deacon since 1903 and is active in church affairs.

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#### JOHN STEPHENSON.

Among those who came to Boone county when this section of Indiana was in its primitive wildness, infested by wild animals and nomadic bands of red men, was the Stephenson family, members of which have figured more or less conspicuously in the affairs of the locality for upwards of a century; and they have performed well their parts in the work of developing the county from a wilderness to one of the foremost agricultural sections in the great Hoosier commonwealth, so they together with other early actors in the drama which witnessed the passing of the old and the introductions of the new conditions in which are now the fine farms and thriving towns of this county, are deserving of every consideration. We of today cannot pay such sterling characters too great a meed of praise, in view of the sacrifices they made in order that their descendants and others of a later day should

enjoy the blessings of life, only a few of which they were permitted to have. One of this noble band to whom we desire to call especial attention was John Stephenson, who has long been sleeping the sleep of the just but who is of that number "whose works do follow them."

Mr. Stephenson was born in Kentucky in November, 1825. He was a son of John, Sr., and Elizabeth (Stark) Stephenson, also natives of the Blue Grass state, from which they came in a very early day to what is now Marion township, Boone county, Indiana, when the subject of this memoir was a child. The elder Stephenson secured a tract of timber land, which he cleared and developed, and he also kept a tavern on the Michigan road for many years, which was a favorite stopping place for the travelers, some of them distinguished, to the middle west in those early times. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died and he married again, and our subject, not particularly fancying his step-mother, left home when a lad and worked out until his marriage in 1850.

John Stephenson grew up amid pioneer environment, worked hard when a boy and had little opportunity to secure an education. His wife, Mary Jones, was born in Rush county, Indiana, and was a daughter of John and Mary (Richardson) Jones, the father a native of Culpeper county, Virginia, and the mother was a native of Kentucky. After his marriage our subject rented a farm near Mud creek for four years, then purchased one hundred and seventy-three acres of timber land in Marion township. He soon had a space cleared and on this erected a log cabin and a barn, subsequently clearing the major portion of his farm and here he continued general farming and stock raising successfully the rest of his life, with the exception of two years spent in McLean county, Illinois, spending one year in Bloomington and one year in Saybrook. He and his father owned a valuable tract of land there and when they returned to Boone county they sold their holdings in McLean county.

The death of John Stephenson, Jr., occurred in December, 1873, after which his widow purchased the place south of the old home farm where she lived five years, then sold out and bought eighty acres adjoining, but moved back to the old place where she lived five years and during that time had built a substantial frame dwelling and in this she has since resided comfortably and surrounded with plenty. Her son-in-law, who lives with her, operates the farm. She is now advanced in years but is comparatively well and in

possession of her faculties. She has always been known to her many friends as a woman of strong character, a kind neighbor and earnest Christian, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church for the past forty years. Mr. Stephenson was a Presbyterian and was a good man in every respect. Politically, he was a Republican. During the Civil war he served as a soldier in the repelling of the Morgan raid into Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson the following children were born: James A., of Champaign, Illinois; Sarah is the wife of John A. Fancher, who lives in the Stephenson home; Grant lives in Bison, Oklahoma; Sherman lives in Solomon, Kansas; Joseph makes his home in Dolan, South Dakota; Elenore is the wife of U. G. Wade, of Marion township, Boone county; Emery lives with his mother on the home place.

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#### SAMUEL H. STEPHENSON.

"Through struggle to triumph" seems to be the maxim which holds sway for the majority of our citizens, and, although it is undoubtedly true that many fall exhausted in the conflict, a few by their inherent force of character and strong mentality, rise above their environment and all which seems to hinder them, until they reach the plane of affluence toward which their face was set through the long years of struggle that must necessarily precede any accomplishment of great magnitude. Such has been the history of Samuel H. Stephenson, who, after a busy and useful life is living in retirement on his splendid farm in Marion township, Boone county. From his life record many useful lessons may be learned, which might well be heeded by the youth starting out on the road to fortune and renown, for he has been a man who believed in the old adage, "Lose no time in getting off the wrong road as soon as you discover that you are traveling it." He has been an advocate of progress in all phases of agriculture, and has made a success of his chosen vocation.

Mr. Stephenson was born in Rush county, Indiana, October 30, 1847. He is a son of James A. and Jane (Duncan) Stephenson, both natives of Kentucky. Robert Stephenson, also a native of Kentucky, and the paternal grandfather of our subject, removed to Ohio and was one of the early settlers

of that state. Martin Duncan, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Scotland. He married Mary Henry, a native of Ireland. The parents of our subject came from their native state to Indiana, when young and were married in Decatur county, and settled in Rush county, and in the fall of 1860 they came on to Boone county, and purchased three hundred and twenty acres, all timbered but about ninety acres which had been cleared. Mr. Stephenson was a hard worker and he cleared and improved the place into a good farm, and in due course of time ranked among the leading farmers and citizens of his community. His death occurred in 1888, his wife surviving until 1905, dying at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. To these parents the following children were born: Robert, of Clinton township, this county; Nancy, who has remained on the old home place; Mary married John Sample, of Elwood, Indiana; Duncan lives in Morgan county, this state.

Samuel H. Stephenson, third in order of birth of the children above named, grew up on the home farm and received a good common school education. With the exception of a few months when he worked in a grocery store and also in the live stock business, he remained with his parents on the farm until he was thirty-one years of age. He then moved to his forty acres in Marion township which his father had given him. He purchased forty acres of timber adjoining and here he has continued to reside, prospering with advancing years. His place is well improved and all but fourteen acres which is still in timber, is under a good state of cultivation. He has always carried on general farming and stock raising, specializing in hogs and sheep. He has a comfortable home and he is now living practically retired owing to failing health.

Mr. Stephenson was married December 24, 1878, to Laura Staton, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, and who was educated in the common schools. She was a daughter of Oliver and Mary (Crawford) Staton.

To our subject and wife the following children were born: Edgar, who lives in Clinton county; Dessie married Ollie McCoy, who operates our subject's farm; Metta married Charles Bishop and they live in Marion township, this county; Carroll died when one year old; Mary Grace lives with her aunt, Nancy Stephenson.

Politically, Mr. Stephenson is a Prohibitionist and he is a member of the Presbyterian church, of Elizaville, Indiana, in which he has been an elder since 1893, and is active in church affairs.

## ANSON MILLS.

Anson Mills, soldier and inventor, was born at Thorntown, Indiana, August 31, 1834, son of James P. and Sarah (Kenworthy) Mills, grandson of James and Marián Mills, great-grandson of James and Joanna (Neels) Mills, and great-great-grandson of Robert Mills, son of Amos and Mary, the first of the family in America, who came from England with William Penn in 1670 and lived in Newberry township, York, Pennsylvania. Both paternal and maternal ancestors were Quakers, and for several generations followed farming as a vocation. Anson Mills received his early education in the Charlottesville (N. Y.) Academy, and was a cadet at the United States Military Academy during 1855-57. He was appointed first lieutenant of the Eighteenth United States Infantry on May 14, 1861, having received the indorsement of the entire class at West Point in 1861. Appointed captain April 27, 1863; transferred to Third Cavalry April 4, 1871; major, Tenth Cavalry, April 4, 1878; lieutenant-colonel, Fourth Cavalry, March 25, 1890; colonel, Third Cavalry, August 16, 1892, and brigadier-general, June 16, 1897. Retired on his own application June 27, 1897. He was brevetted captain December 31, 1862, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; major, September 1, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, and during the Atlanta campaign; lieutenant-colonel, December 16, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Nashville, Tennessee, and colonel, February 27, 1890, for gallant services in action against the Indians, at Slim Buttes, Dakota, September 9, 1876.

After leaving West Point he went to the frontier of Texas, and engaged in engineering and land surveying, and laid out the first plan of the city of El Paso. In 1859 he was surveyor on the part of Texas on the boundary commission establishing the boundary between New Mexico, Indian Territory and Texas. In March, 1861, he went to Washington and joined the Cassius M. Clay Guards, which were quartered, armed and equipped by the Federal government, and served there, protecting Federal officers and property until relieved by volunteers. He was with his regiment in the army of the Ohio and department of the Cumberland to October 22, 1864, and was acting inspector-general, district of Etowah, to February 25, 1865. He participated in the siege of Corinth, the battles of Perryville, Kentucky;



GEN. ANSON P. MILLS.

—Argus-Enterprise.



Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Hoover's Gap, Tennessee; Chickamauga, Georgia; the siege of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Missionary Ridge, Tennessee; Tunnel Hill, Georgia; Buzzard's Roost, Georgia; the Atlanta campaign, Resaca, Georgia; Dallas, Georgia; New Hope Church, Georgia; Kenesaw Mountain, New Dow Station, Peach Tree Creek; Utoy Creek, Georgia, where he was wounded, and Jonesboro, Georgia, and while on the staff of General Stedman, in the battles of Nashville, Tennessee, and Decatur, Alabama.

During the four years' war he was never absent, either on leave or from sickness, and was present in all the engagements of his regiment. Fox's "Regimental Losses" states that his regiment (Eighteenth Infantry), lost more in killed and wounded than any other regiment in the regular army, and that his company (H), First Battalion, lost more in killed and wounded than any other company in the regiment.

After the war he served at Fort Aubrey, Kansas; Forts Bridger and Fetterman, Wyoming; Fort Sedgwick, Colorado; Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina. He joined the Third Cavalry April 15, 1871, and served with it at Forts Whipple and McDowell, Arizona; Fort McPherson, Nebraska; North Platte, Nebraska, and was in the field commanding the Big Horn expedition from August to October, 1874. At Camp Sheridan, Nebraska, and Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, to May 18, 1876. He commanded expeditions against the Indians at Tongue River, Montana, June 9; at Rose Bud river, Montana, June 17, and at Slim Buttes, Dakota, September 9, 1876. At Camp Sheridan, Nebraska, to May 21, 1877, where he had charge of Chief Spotted Tail and his tribe of six thousand Ogalala Sioux Indians. He joined the Tenth Cavalry in April, 1879, and served at Forts Concho and Davis, Texas (and commanded battalion of regiment at Fort Sill, Indian Territory, during the Indian outbreak to November, 1881), to April 1, 1885; commanded Fort Thomas, Arizona, to August 26, 1886, and Fort Grant, Arizona, being frequently in the field, to September 24, 1888; on duty at Fort Bliss, Texas, under special orders, assisting officers of the interior department (U. S. geological survey) in surveys near El Paso, Texas, with the object of reclaiming arid lands in the Rio Grande valley, to April 2, 1890, when he was transferred to the 4th cavalry, and served at Presidio, California, to October 31, 1891. Commanded regiment and post of Fort Walla Walla, Washington, to February, 1893. Joined Third Cav-

alry as colonel February 28, 1893, and commanded post at Fort McIntosh, Texas, and Fort Reno, Oklahoma, to August, 1893; made brigadier-general and retired.

General Mills invented the woven cartridge belt and loom for its manufacture and founded the Mills Woven Cartridge Belt Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts, which manufactures woven cartridge belts and equipment for all the world. He was a member of the board of visitors at West Point in 1866, and was United States military attache at the Paris Exposition of 1878. Since October, 1893, General Mills has been United States commissioner on the international boundary commission, United States and Mexico, during which he originated the principle of eliminating bancos (small islands) which are formed by the action of the Rio Grande and much complicated the boundary question previous to the treaty of 1905 for the "elimination of bancos in the Rio Grande," which he prepared. He was also appointed commissioner in 1896 to investigate and report upon a plan for an international dam near El Paso, Texas, for the purpose of equitably distributing the waters of the Rio Grande between the United States and Mexico. The American section of the boundary commission has published, under General Mills' direction, many valuable reports, including the proceedings of the commission, in two volumes (1903); two reports on Elimination of Bancos in the Rio Grande (1910-12), and Survey of the Rio Grande, Roma to the Gulf of Mexico (1913).

He sat on the arbitral commission for the hearing of the Chamizal case, Hon. Eugene La Fleur, of Canada, presiding, which case involved the question of international title to land forming part of the city of El Paso, Texas, and his dissenting opinion in the findings of the arbitral board was approved by his government.

General Mills is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and was commander of the Washington commandery in 1908; Order of the Indian Wars of the United States and was commander in 1911, Society of the Army of the Cumberland, American Society of International Law, honorary member Society of Indiana Engineers, Army and Navy Club and Metropolitan Club of Washington. He was married October 8, 1868, to Hannah Martin, daughter of William C. Cassell, of Zanesville, Ohio, and had two sons, Anson Cassel and William Cassel Mills (both de-

ceased), and one daughter, Constance Lydia, wife of Capt. Winfield Scott Overton, United States army.

## WAR DEPARTMENT.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, February 24, 1897.

Statement of the military service of Anson Mills, of the United States Army, compiled from the records of this office:

He was a cadet at the United States Military Academy, July 1, 1855, to February 18, 1857.

He was appointed first lieutenant, Eighteenth Infantry, 14th May, 1861; captain, 27th April, 1863; transferred to Third Cavalry, 1st January, 1871; major, Tenth Cavalry, 4th April, 1878; lieutenant-colonel, Fourth Cavalry, 25th March, 1890; colonel, Third Cavalry, 16th August, 1892.

He was brevetted captain, 31st December, 1862, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; major, 1st September, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, and during the Atlanta campaign, lieutenant-colonel, 16th December, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Nashville, Tennessee, and colonel, 27th February, 1890, for gallant services in action against Indians, at Slim Buttes, Dakota, September 9, 1876.

## SERVICE.

He was on recruiting service July 19, 1861, to February 17, 1862, with regiment in Army of the Ohio, and Department of the Cumberland, to October 22, 1864, and Acting Inspector-General, District of Etowah, to February 25, 1865. He participated in the siege of Corinth, April 29th, to June 5, 1862; battles of Perrysville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862; Murfreesboro, Tennessee, December 29, 1862, to January 5, 1863; Hoover's Gap, Tennessee, June 25 and 26, 1863; Chickamauga, Georgia, September 19 and 20, 1863; siege of Chattanooga, Tennessee, September 21, to November 4, 1863; Missionary Ridge, Tennessee, November 24 and 25, 1863; Tunnel Hill, Georgia, February 23 and 24, 1864; Buzzard's Roost, Georgia, February 25 and 26, 1864; Atlanta campaign, May 3 to September 8, 1864; Resaca, Georgia, May 13 to 15, 1864; Dallas, Georgia, May 24 to June 5, 1864; New Hope Church,

Georgia, May 29 to 31, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, June 22 to July 3, 1864; Neal Dow Station, July 4, 1864; Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, July 20, 1864, where he was slightly wounded; Utoy Creek, Georgia, August 7, 1864; Jonesboro, Georgia, September 1, 1864, and Nashville, Tennessee, December 15 and 16, 1864.

He was on recruiting service from February 25, 1865, to November 15, 1865, when he rejoined his regiment and served with it in Kansas to March, 1866; on leave to October, 1866; (member of Board of Visitors at United States Military Academy, in June, 1866); with regiment at Fort Bridger, Wyoming, to October, 1867, and at Fort Fetterman, Wyoming, to May 10, 1868; on leave to July 10, 1868; with regiment at Fort Sedgwick, Colorado, to April, 1869, and in Georgia and South Carolina, to January 15, 1871.

He joined the Third Cavalry, April 15, 1871, and served with it in Arizona, to December 1, 1871.

He commanded his troop at Fort McPherson, Nebraska, January 17 to May 1, 1872; at North Platte, Nebraska (on leave December 2, 1872, to March 9, 1873), to August 13, 1874; in the field commanding the Big Horn expedition, to October 13, 1874; on leave to January 18, 1875; commanding troop and post of North Platte, Nebraska, to April 14, 1875; at Camp Sheridan, Nebraska, to November 20, 1875; at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming (in field February 21 to April 26, 1876, being engaged in action against Indians at Little Powder river, Montana, March 17, 1876), to May 18, 1876; commanding battalion of regiment in the field on expedition against hostile Indians, to October 24, 1876, being engaged against them at Tongue River, Montana, June 9, at Rose Bud River, Montana, June 17, and at Slim Buttes, Dakota, September 9, 1876 (where he commanded), commanding his troop at Camp Sheridan, Nebraska, November, 1876, to May 21, 1877, and on leave of absence to February 27, 1878; on duty in Paris, France, with the United States Commissioner, Paris Exposition, to November, 1878, and on delay to March, 1879.

He joined the Tenth Cavalry, April 11, 1879, and served with regiment in Texas (on leave March 23 to June 30, 1880, and August 26, 1880, to March 21, 1881), to May 21, 1881; commanding battalion of regiment at Fort Sill, Indian Territory, to November, 1881; on duty at Fort Concho, Texas, to July, 1882; at Fort Davis, Texas (on leave October 26, 1883, to January 2, 1884), to April 1, 1885; commanding post of Fort Thomas.

Arizona, to August 26, 1886; on leave to March 27, 1887; on duty at Fort Grant, Arizona, being frequently in field to September 24, 1888; on sick leave to May, 1889; on duty at Fort Bliss, Texas, assisting officers of the Interior Department in surveys (before Congressional Committee in this city, January to March, 1890), to April 2, 1890, and on leave and under orders to July, 1890.

He joined the Fourth Cavalry, July 13, 1890, and served at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, to October 31, 1891; commanding regiment and post of Fort Walla Walla, Washington, to February 11, 1893.

He joined the Third Cavalry, February 28, 1893, and commanded it and the post of Fort McIntosh, Texas, to June 21, 1893, and the post of Fort Reno, Oklahoma, to August 12, 1893; on leave to October 26, 1893, and since then on duty as Commissioner of the United States International Boundary Commission of the United States and Mexico.

(Signed)      GEO. D. RUGGLES,  
Adjutant General.

ADDITION TO THE RECORD OF COLONEL ANSON MILLS, UNITED STATES ARMY,  
NOT INCLUDED IN THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE OF MILI-  
TARY SERVICE.

He left West Point in 1857, went to the frontier of Texas and engaged in engineering and land surveying; laid out the first plan of the city of El Paso; in 1859 was surveyor to the Boundary Commission establishing the boundary between New Mexico, Indian Territory and Texas; in February, 1861, on submission to the popular vote of the state of Texas, the question of "Separation" or "No Separation," he cast one of the lonely two votes in the county of El Paso against separation, to nine hundred and eighty-five for separation; in March, 1861, he abandoned the state, going to Washington, and there joined the military organization known as the "Cassius M. Clay" Guards, quartered, armed and equipped by the United States government, and served there protecting federal officers and property, until relieved by volunteer forces called out by the President. On May 14, 1861, was appointed first lieutenant Eighteenth Infantry on the following recommendation from the then first class at the military academy.

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY,  
West Point, N. Y., April 30, 1861.

Lorenzo Thomas, Adjutant-General, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, members of the First Class at the United States Military Academy, respectfully recommend to your favorable consideration the claims of Mr. Anson Mills, an applicant for a commission as second lieutenant in the United States army.

Mr. Mills was formerly a member, for nearly two years, of the class preceding ours, when he resigned.

During that time his habits and character conformed to the strictest military propriety and discipline, and we feel assured that he would be an honor to the service and that its interests would be promoted by his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. McQuesten, Charles E. Hazlett, Henry B. Noble, Francis A. Davies, John I. Rogers, J. W. Barlow, W. A. Elderkin, A. R. Chambliss, Emory Upton, Eugene B. Beaumont, J. Ford Kent, J. S. Poland, Addelbert Ames, A. R. Buffington, C. E. Patterson, Leonard Martin, Sheldon Sturgeon, Wright Rives, Charles C. Campbell, M. F. Watson, Ohio F. Rice, Erskine Gittings, Franklin Howard, Charles Henry Gibson, J. H. Simper, H. A. Dupont, J. Benson Williams, Charles M. K. Leoser, R. L. Eastman, Leroy L. Janes, Guy V. Henry, N. W. Henry, John Adair, Jr., Judson Kilpatrick, S. O. Sokalski, Samuel N. Benjamin, J. B. Rawles, L. G. Hoxton.

During the four years of the war he was never absent either on leave or from sickness and was present in all of the engagements of his regiment.

Fox's "Regimental Losses" states on page 3, that his regiment (Eighteenth Infantry), lost more in killed and mortally wounded than any other regiment in the regular army and that his company, H, First Battalion (page 420), lost more in killed and mortally wounded than any company in his regiment.

He invented the woven cartridge belt (and loom for manufacture) now adopted and exclusively used by the army and navy of the United States.

He stands No. 24 on the lineal list of seventy-one colonels in the army.

## PRIVATE RESOLUTION NO. I.

Joint resolution permitting Anson Mills, colonel of Third Regiment United States Cavalry, to accept and exercise the functions of boundary commissioner on the part of the United States.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.* That Anson Mills, colonel Third Regiment United States Cavalry, having been nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate as a commissioner of the United States under the convention between the United States of America and the United States of Mexico concluded and signed by the contracting parties at the city of Washington, March first, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, is hereby permitted to accept and exercise the functions of said office of commissioner; *Provided*, Said officer shall continue to receive his emoluments in pay and allowances as colonel in the army while holding said office of commissioner the same as he would receive were he performing such duty under military orders and no other or additional pay or emoluments for his services as such commissioner.

Approved, December 12, 1893.

## HONORED GENERAL MILLS.

One of the final acts of the Indiana Engineering Society convention at Indianapolis, was the election of three honorary members, one of whom was Gen. Anson Mills, of Washington, D. C. General Mills was born in Thorntown, Indiana, seventy-two years ago. In answer to the telegram notifying him of his election, he sent the following: "I appreciate most highly my election as an honorary member of the Indiana Engineering Society and accept the honor. This is especially grateful as coming from my native state and from a society which has accomplished so much for the profession."

## DEATH OF WILLIAM W. MILLS.

William W. Mills, son of James P. and Sarah Kenworthy Mills was born in Boone county, Indiana, February 10, 1836 and died at Austin, Texas, February 10, 1913, on his seventy-seventh birthday. He remained at home on the farm until he attained his majority and in 1857 went to El Paso, Texas, of which place later in life he wrote a book.

Early in the Civil war he enlisted and was commissioned lieutenant of

volunteers. He resigned his position and in 1862 was appointed collector of customs in which service he continued until 1869. In the year 1869 he was married to Miss Mary, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of governor A. J. Hamilton, of Texas. After his marriage he was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue serving for several years. In 1897 to 1907 he served as American Consul at Chihuahua, Mexico. He and his wife were at Thorntown, October, 1909, at the dedication of the memorial fountain erected here by his brother, General Anson Mills, of Washington, D. C., in memory of his father and mother. They greatly enjoyed every hour of their visit at the old home. The scenes of his youth and renewal of fond recollections crowded upon him, and he lived them over again.

Through all his strenuous life amid the stirring activities of Texas and Mexico and through the turmoils of the Civil war, in private and public life he was delicate in health. Patient through suffering, brave in conflict and tender and loving in domestic life, he lived and struggled until crowned with life eternal. It was a long strenuous life faithful until the close when he rested from his labors and became free from pain.

He left a devoted wife, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Burckhalter and Mrs. Jane Smiley, of Thorntown, and two brothers, General Anson Mills, of Washington, D. C. and Allen Mills, of Thorntown and a host of relatives and friends at his home and over the land to mourn his departure.

#### JAMES P. AND SARAH KENWORTHY MILLS.

One hundred years ago there was born August 22, 1808, at York, Pennsylvania, a male child, who was christened James P. Mills. At the early age of eight years he was left an orphan. He was bound out and apprenticed to learn the tanner's trade. When he reached his majority he caught the fever of Greeley's advice to go west, before that sage thought of giving it, and in his twenty-second year crossed the Alleghanies in a Dearborn wagon and continued his journey towards the setting sun, until he reached Crawfordsville. Here he became a citizen of the young state of Indiana, and as such we wish to follow him closely as a factor in the development of the state. His life is typical of the body of men that laid the foundations of the commonwealth. In this age he would not be termed educated.

The opportunities in Pennsylvania were meager a century ago, for the average young man, yet many of her sons, possessing brawn, grit and a sense

of honor, forged to the west, and laid strong arms against the dense forests of Indiana. Our hero was one of that number. As soon as he was in Crawfordsville, he began to cast about for land. He had the ambition of ownership. He had planned in his mind to be a freeholder and purposed in his heart to own land with intent to build a home. On this sentiment the basis of this story is cemented. It's the same old story that lies at the foundation of every pioneer family in the state. Mr. Mills' employer recommended him to go to Thorntown in lieu of there not being desirable land to enter around Crawfordsville. This was the time when the question of organizing Boone county was before the legislature of the state. There were about six hundred souls living in this section of territory at that time. The county was organized in 1830. James P. Mills was one of the stalwart young men that stepped upon its wild soil with the nerve to build a county. In that year he came to Thorntown and sought employment with one Gopen, a tanner. It was not long until he drove his stake for life and received title to his homestead from Uncle Sam for portions of sections 6 and 7, in township 19 north and range 1 west.

About the same time his heart sought a fair maiden by the scripture name of Sarah, daughter of Judge Kenworthy, who was among the first white men who took up their abode in the old French and Indian village of Thorntown, as early as 1819. Now Sarah was fair and kind of heart and James was drawn towards her. She was born in Miami county, Ohio, on next to the last day of the year 1810, and her parents moved to Thorntown when she was of tender age, and settled just east of the old French and Indian trading point in section 31, township 20 north, range 1 west, just a little over one mile across the woods from where our hero had located his home. There is no positive record of the process of movements, but the sequence tells the story. It must have run the same old road of lovers. There were meetings and coings, horseback rides to the old church, apple parings, corn huskings, etc., during which the young man lost his heart. It put nerve into his arm. He drove a stake for his home just north of a gurgling spring, laid the ax to the root of the tree, like a tanner, not a woodman with trained chopping art. He hacked all round and round the tree until it fell in the line of gravitation. Thus he cleared the spot, hewed the logs and reared the home to the gables and put on the roof. All this while his heart strings were pulling stronger and stronger towards the Judge's daughter. He could wait no longer, not even to build the gables.

On the twenty-second day of November, 1832, James P. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Kenworthy and after one month of honeymoon, the bride at mother's and the groom trotting back and forth to his farm, one mile, and working like a beaver each day, fitting the home for his queen, at the close of the year 1832, with ax, mattock, handspike, hackle, loom and high hopes, they began home building in earnest in the wilderness. The story of this home is the story of Indiana. Its struggles, its privations, its hardships, its joys, its sorrows were the common lot of all. In this sketch we cannot stop to give the colorings, but must pass on.

We have spoken of James P. Mills as a pioneer, and it might be well on this occasion to speak of him as a man and citizen. As an orphan and apprentice, his youth passed without opportunity of education to qualify him as a public man. Landing in Indiana as he entered upon his majority, he at once became too busily engaged in subduing the wilderness and in his zealous home-building and struggles to provide for his family to look into books. He was a devoted husband, a provident and faithful father, and a conscientious citizen. With all these duties pressing upon him continuously day by day there was little opportunity for mind culture. In the very prime of life, when the light of a better day was dawning, the angel of death entered his home and took away the companion of his struggles.

There he stood, having passed the wilderness, in full view of the Canaan land, ready to pass over and feed on its honey and milk, but alas! The companion of his joys and sorrows, of all his toils and hardships was called away and left him standing on the shore, with all the little ones clinging to his knees and pressing on his heart. This was a time to try his soul. Dazed, bewildered and uncertain how to move, he stood as a father true to his trust, even clinging to his babe in his desperation to hold the family of children together. He rose to the emergency of filling the place both of father and the truest of mothers. What a task of love! What a test of manhood! Few men would have borne the burden. He held his place at the head of the home, protecting and providing for his children until they grew to manhood and womanhood. He not only provided food and raiment, but saw that the fundamental principle of government was instilled and imbedded in their nature, that comes from the law of obedience. His word was the law of the family. He also provided for their education, even to the sacrifice of sending them from home, where they could have better facilities.

During the lonely days of his widowerhood he read much of patriotism

and obedience to her call took all the sons from the home. Later Cupid entered and the daughters fell by his darts and the house was left desolate and the hero of all its conflicts stood solitary and alone. It was in the midst of this period of his life we first met him. For one year in the early eighties we sat at the same table three times a day. Mr. Mills was reticent by nature and slow to form acquaintance, but he grew upon you slowly and surely. He possessed more in mind and heart than appeared on the surface. If you came in touch with him where he lived you would find him a live coal. He was a graduate in the affairs of life. He may not have had the culture of college training, but he did have that high sense of honor and manhood that comes through the school of life's duties and trials. He was polished by the friction of hardships and refined by the pressure of a life devoted faithfully to duty under the most trying circumstances. He was indeed truly educated and his life is a rich legacy to children and children's children.

#### GOVERNMENT DEED TO MILLS.

The government deeded to James Philips Mills, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, the following described land: The east fraction of the northwest quarter of section seven in township nineteen, north, range one west, in the district of lands subject to sale at Crawfordsville, Indiana, containing eighty acres, deed dated, Washington, D. C., March third in the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one and the year of the Independence of the United States of America Fifty-fifth. Signed Andrew Jackson, President of the United States.

In the pioneer home were born all the stalwart sons and fair daughters. Anson, August 31, 1834: William, Marietta, Eliza Jane, Emmett, Allen, Gilbert John, Caroline and Thomas Edwin. Sacrifices were necessary to educate them. Schools there were none and they must needs be sent from home to the far east and south. The parents rose to the emergency. The mother spun, wove, made the garments and prepared food; the father tilled the soil and economized to provide means. In this home amid all the hopes and anxieties of the parents came the white-winged cupid with orange blossoms and daughters were given in marriage; came dark-winged death with sorrow also, bearing away its inmates in infancy, childhood and in young manhood's ripened prime on the field of battle. Saddest of all became the home when the mother, the light of its hearth, the bond of its union, was borne from their midst on September 4, 1849.

The mother and children, all gone by marriage or death, the father was left alone to live over and over the joys and griefs of the household. He trod the way companionless, down the sunset of life, until he passed under the shadow April 22, 1889, survived by three sons and two daughters. Thus ended the life work of one pioneer family of Indiana, after a full half century of toil.

Industry, frugality, truth, honesty and temperance were the cardinal virtues that made the sure foundation of this home. Such as these made the great republic possible. Parents of nine children, self-sacrificing, self-denying, self-reliant and peaceful, joint occupants of the same farm with the Pottawattamie Indians.

The house has mouldered away and given place to the new and modern, but the spirit generated in it is alive today, of which this occasion is a glorious and lasting witness.

#### IN MEMORIAM A. D. 1909.

A live memorial is erected upon our streets by the eldest son, General Anson P. Mills, Washington, D. C., to commemorate these lives. As the warp and woof of mother's loom ran down like a golden web through his mind and heart, inspiring success in life, mayhap there was also a continuous silver thread, flowing from the gurgling spring at the old home to this memoriam.

As the iridescent spray flying crystal-white from its sculptured forms and flowers, thrill our being with a sense of beauty and perfection of taste, it is well for us to remember the story of the toil and sacrifice of hands and hearts that made it possible.

Marietta Mills, daughter of James P. and Sarah Kenworthy Mills, was born December 31, 1837 and died February 12, 1914. She is a sister of Anson P. Mills.

She was united in marriage to John T. Burckhalter, April 15, 1858. To this union were born ten children, three having preceded the mother in death. The surviving ones are, Abraham, of Montana; Rembrant W., of Pennsylvania; Sarah and Grace, of Thorntown; Rosa, of Hazelrigg; and Bertha and Howard, who lived with her and administered to her in her declining years.

She leaves six grandchildren and one great grandchild, her namesake, Marietta, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Rochester, Indiana. Besides

these two brothers, Brig. Gen. Anson Mills, of Washington, D. C., Allen Mills, of Thorntown, and one sister, Mrs. Jane Smiley, of Thorntown.

She became a member of the Christian church in 1857 under the preaching of Rev. A. L. Hobbs.

Mrs. Burckhalter was a woman of very fine type of mind, taking a very philosophical view of affairs at all times and up to the very time of her death her mind was exceptionally clear and keen.

Mrs. Burckhalter was born in an old log house that stood on the site of the present modern home, in fact her death occurred within a few feet of the place of her birth. The farm on which she was born, lived and died, was entered by her father, James P. Mills, September 30, 1834, who also on March 18, 1837, entered a tract of land adjoining. Sheepskin letters of patents are still in possession of the family, the first signed by Andrew Jackson, the second signed by Martin Van Buren, presidents of the United States at the time of entry.

Mrs. Burckhalter had witnessed the greatest era in the history of the nation and the most wonderful era, scientifically in the history of the world.

She had a large part in the history of the state and nation, one brother being consul to Mexico, while the illustrious Anson Mills, so distinguished himself in time of war as to secure the position of brigadier-general. During all these years she quietly remained at home, keeping the family together and rearing to sturdy manhood and winsome womanhood her sons and daughters who give to our nation those qualities and virtues which make us great among the nations of the earth.

It is intensely interesting to note the kaleidoscopic changes that have taken place in the life-time of this good woman. Born as we have said in a log house with its great open fire place that with tropic heat drove back the frost line from the window pane. This early home giving place to the present modern house with its conveniences and equipment. The old swinging crane and bake pan for the corn pone to the modern culinary effects. The tallow dip giving place to candle "by which you could read and not be nearer than four feet," then that revelation the kerosene lamp, "that lighted all the room" and then the present acetylene plant that rivals the daylight.

She saw her father haul great logs and place them end to end for fence, with chunks between to keep the pigs in or out. She saw him cut his grain with the sickle, this giving place to the rhythmic swing of the cradle and then the drone of the modern harvesting machinery. In her early days the rap,

rap of the flail, then the steady tramp of horses in the threshing of grain and now the whir of the modern thresher.

When she was a girl the nearest markets were LaFayette and Cincinnati. On the farm are still the old tanning vats where hides were prepared for the annual arrival of the shoemaker who came and stayed until he had made shoes for the whole family.

Mrs. Burckhalter walked to Thorntown to see the first train arrive on rails made of wood and shod with iron and "you must not get closer than twenty or thirty feet for fear of getting hurt."

During her time she had witnessed the coming of telephone, telegraph, wireless telegraphy, electric lights, automobiles, balloons and flying machines. Space forbids to enumerate further, but what a wonderful age in which this pioneer lived, and what a legacy such people as she have left to their children and to generations yet to come.

There is a little romance connected with the home place of Mrs. Burckhalter. Two young Indian chieftains fell in love with the same dusky maiden and fought a duel with knives over her, each struck the other a fatal blow at the same moment and the graves of these young chieftains are known today by members of the family.

Mrs. Burckhalter's life was spent at home caring for her children; this was her Christian duty and it was performed well and today her boys and girls can rise up and call her blessed.

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#### JAMES M. SMALL.

Profit is the greatest incentive to production and compulsory education that the world has ever known. The farmer is human. He works for money and he will intensify and diversify whenever it pays him to do so, and no amount of well-written formulas or monstrous exhibits will permanently influence him quite so much as a dollar at the end of the row. Not a theoretical dollar, but one that he can put into his pocket—a dollar that comes as the result of a sale. The weakness of many plans that have been commissioned and thrust upon the farmer is that the factor of profit has not been duly considered. The farmer is also misunderstood. One of the progressive

tillers of the soil of Center township, Boone county, is James M. Small, who has had sufficient intelligence to accept such modern methods of husbandry as specially applied to local conditions and to reject those that were not, and as a result he has had comfortable income from year to year as a result of his labors.

Mr. Small was born July 11, 1850, in Nicholas county, Kentucky. He is a son of William H. and Matilda (Garner) Small, both also natives of Kentucky, the father's birth occurring on July 31, 1818, and the mother was born January 21, 1821. There they grew to maturity and were married, and spent their lives engaged in general farming. The death of the father occurred November 13, 1901, and the mother passed away in 1910. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom are living, namely: Mary E., and Joseph W. are both deceased; Richard R. is living; James M., of this review; John W., George N., and Martha J. are all living; Sarah A. and Francis M. are both deceased; Emma A. is the youngest.

James M. Small was young when he left Kentucky. He received a common school education and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade, in which he became quite proficient. He had an ambition to teach school when a boy and applied for a school, but was defeated by one vote, and he never again made an attempt to engage in this profession but took up farming in Boone county and this has continued his principal life work to the present time. He is now owner of one hundred and ninety-seven acres in his home place in Center township, also owns thirty acres just north of here. All his land is well improved, well tiled and all tillable and is productive. He built his own home, which is a substantial and pleasant one, also made other important improvements in the way of outbuildings, fences, etc. He keeps an excellent grade of live stock and is one of the best farmers in the township, according to his neighbors and those who have occasion to know of his methods. He handles Shorthorn cattle and draft horses.

Mr. Small was married twice, first, to Malancia Alexander, March 16, 1879; she was born in Boone county on September 4, 1860. She is a daughter of Andrew and Emilie (Bennett) Alexander. By this union two children were born, namely: Eva F., born July 8, 1882, married Tom Watterman, and Reyburn P. is deceased. The wife and mother was called to her eternal rest on June 6, 1886. On April 8, 1889, Mr. Small married Laura E. Stewart, who was born in Johnson county, Indiana, April 17, 1855; she

is a daughter of Robert and Hulda (Clark) Johnson. Mrs. Small received a good education in the common schools of her native community, also a normal school, and she followed teaching with much success for a period of seventeen years in Putnam county and ranked among the leading educators of the same. Two children have been born to our subject and his second wife, namely: Alva D., born March 8, 1890, married Hazel Farris, and they live on a farm near the home of our subject; Wilbur A., born November 9, 1891, is at home with his parents.

Politically, Mr. Small is a Democrat and is a loyal supporter of his party. He was a candidate for nomination for county treasurer in 1912, but was defeated. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, a charter member of the lodge at Lebanon. He is an active member of the First Christian church in Lebanon, and was for many years a deacon in the same.

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#### ISAAC THOMAS DAVIS.

The following is a brief sketch of the life of one who, by close attention to business, has achieved success in the world's affairs and risen to an honorable position among the enterprising men of the city with which his interests have been identified for the past thirty-five years. It is a plain record, rendered remarkable by no strange or mysterious adventure, no wonderful and lucky accident and no tragic situation. Isaac Thomas Davis, senior member of the well-known livery firm of Davis Brothers, of Lebanon, Boone county, is a man of honest convictions and sincere purposes, his upright career and wholesome moral influence making him respected by all who have come into contact with him.

Mr. Davis was born at Brown's Valley, Montgomery county, Indiana, March 5, 1849. He is a son of Josiah and Nancy (Carson) Davis, an old family of that county, the father coming there in an early day from Kentucky where he was born.

Isaac T. Davis grew to manhood in his native county, and he received a meager education in the country schools there. When a young man he took up general farming which he followed until 1869, two years being spent in the state of Missouri. He then turned his attention to the livery business



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which he has followed ever since. He was in Ladoga, Indiana, until 1878, where he had a good trade, then, desiring a larger field, he came to Lebanon where he has continued this line of endeavor to the present time, becoming meantime one of the best known liverymen in northern Indiana. However, during this period he spent two years looking after the duties of the sheriff's office of Boone county, to which he was elected in 1882. He gave eminent satisfaction to his constituents in this branch of public service, proving an able, courageous and faithful servant of the people. He remained in the livery business alone until 1902 when he took his brother, John H., into partnership, under the firm name of Davis Brothers and they still continue. They have large and modernly equipped stables, the equal of any in this section of the state in every respect, keeping good horses and vehicles of all kinds, and they strive to render prompt and high-grade service. Our subject is an experienced horseman and an exceptionally good judge of a horse.

Mr. Davis was married in 1865 to Jennie Mitchell, a native of Montgomery county, and to this union one child was born, which died early, and the death of the wife and mother occurred in 1872. Mr. Davis married in 1874 Maggie Andrews, of Jamestown, Boone county, and to this second union four children were born, one of whom is deceased. The three surviving are: Carl A., who is engaged in the hardware business in Lebanon; Will C. is engaged in the shoe business in Lebanon; Beulah is at home with her parents.

Politically Mr. Davis is a Democrat and faithful in his support of the party. He is a member of the Baptist church, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men.

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#### M. D. HARVEY.

The character of a community is determined in a large measure by the lives of a comparatively few of its members. If its moral and intellectual status be good, if in a social way it is a pleasant place in which to reside, if its reputation for the integrity of its citizens has extended into other localities, it will be found that the standards set by the leading men have been high, and their influence such as to mould their characters and shape the lives

of those with whom they mingle. In placing M. D. Harvey, the popular and efficient cashier of the Zionsville Bank, in the front rank of such men in Boone county, justice is rendered a biographical fact universally recognized throughout this locality by those at all familiar with his history. Although a quiet and unassuming man with no ambition for public leadership, he has contributed much to the material advancement of the community, while his admirable qualities of head and heart and the straightforward, upright course of his daily life, have tended greatly to the moral standing of the circles in which he moves and these attributes have given him a reputation for integrity and correct conduct such as few achieve.

Mr. Harvey was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, on a farm seven miles from Zionsville, February 3, 1855. He is a son of William Harvey, an early settler in this section of Indiana, who became a successful farmer and stock man. He was a native of Union county, this state, where he grew to manhood and was educated in the old time subscription schools. His ancestors were English. The mother of our subject was Caroline Beeson before her marriage. She was born near Richmond, Wayne county, Indiana, her family being among the early settlers there. The father of our subject became the owner of three hundred and seventy acres of valuable land in Hamilton county and there established a comfortable home and became a well known citizen. His family consisted of eight children, five sons and three daughters. The father of these children died at the age of fifty-four years. Politically, he was a Democrat and was a stanch church member, being many years an elder. The mother of our subject lived to be seventy-six years old. She, too, was an earnest church member.

M. D. Harvey of this sketch grew to manhood on the home farm and there assisted with the general work, receiving his early education in the public schools, the high school at Westfall and the Valparaiso Normal College. He then taught in the district schools for two years, then turned his attention to business. In 1881 he married Rozella Jones, who was born, reared and educated in Union county, where her people settled very early and became prominent. Mr. Harvey devoted considerable attention to stock raising, especially pure bred Duroc hogs, owning some of the best in the country, with which he took the first premiums at the International Stock Show in Chicago, showing the largest hog of any breed. He has sold hogs as high as nine hundred dollars and one thousand dollars. His herd at this writing of two hundred

is no doubt the best in the state: in fact, no better could be found in the United States, and these fine animals have carried his name throughout the land and he is widely known as one of the leading stock men of the middle west. He owns a fine farm and has a modernly appointed home.

Mr. Harvey became cashier of the Farmers Bank of Zionsville early in its history. It has a capital stock of thirty thousand dollars and was organized in 1882. J. W. Brendel is president. Erna M. Harvey is assistant cashier. It is one of the strongest and most popular banks in Boone county and a general banking business is carried on. It has a modern and substantial building and its fixtures and equipment are up-to-date in every respect.

One son, Erna M., has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey. He is with his father in the bank. He married Mattie Brendel, daughter of Dr. J. F. Brendel, a prominent citizen of Zionsville. Two children have been born to Erna Harvey and wife, namely: Mabel Marie and John M. One daughter, Maude, was born to our subject and wife. She attended St. Mary's College, also the University of Indiana at Bloomington.

Politically, our subject is a Democrat, and he belongs to the Masonic Order, is a Knights Templar and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Murat Temple, Indianapolis. He is eminently deserving of the trust and esteem accorded him.

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#### HARRY McDANIEL.

Notwithstanding opinions to the contrary, much depends upon being well born, and the old adage that "blood will tell" is not only true, but profoundly philosophical. In a large measure we are what our ancestors were, their characteristics and attributes as a rule constituting a heritage which has had a powerful influence in moulding our lives for good or evil. "Like produces like," a recognized law of the physical world, also obtains in matters of mind and morals, as the experience of the human race abundantly attests. Harry McDaniel, well-known agent of the Big Four railroad at Zionsville, Boone county, was fortunate in his ancestry, for he has inherited many commendable traits of head and heart.

Mr. McDaniel was born near Greencastle, Putnam county, Indiana,

October 2, 1864. He is a son of J. T. McDaniel, who was born in Kentucky, of Scotch ancestry. He married Lucy Allen, also a native of the Blue Grass state, she being of English descent. The Allens have long been a prominent family, large dealers in live stock, especially cattle and mules, and they came to this part of Indiana many years ago. For many years J. T. McDaniel was a lumber and sawmill man, and was successful in business affairs and known to be of good character. His death occurred at the age of sixty-four years, and his wife died when fifty-seven years of age. They were the parents of thirteen children, most of whom are now deceased; those who grew to maturity were, George, of Duncan, Oklahoma; Harry, of this sketch; James and John C., live in Benton county, Indiana; Henry, Ida and Ada.

Harry McDaniel was reared in Putnam county and received a public school education. When twenty years old he began his career as a railroader and has been with the Big Four for a period of thirty years; his long retention is an indication that he has been one of their most faithful and trusted employees. He has thoroughly mastered the business, being energetic and a quick observer, honest and faithful. He first worked in Illinois for some time. For the past twenty-two years he has been agent of this company at Zionsville.

Mr. McDaniel married May A. Lowe, a native of Illinois, and she is a daughter of Henry P. Lowe, a prominent citizen in Illinois.

Our subject and wife have the following children: Maude, who married Lee Fink, has been a telegraph operator for ten years for the Pennsylvania road; Florence is attending high school at this writing.

Mr. McDaniel is a thirty-second degree Mason, and has been master of the local lodge for the past seven years. He is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Murat Temple, at Indianapolis. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 257, and is a member of the Christian church. Mrs. McDaniel was called to her eternal rest in 1913. She was a woman of many fine characteristics, and was a favorite with a wide circle of friends. She was active in church and social life and took much interest in Sunday school work. Her place can never be filled, not only in her home but in the community as well, and her example as a woman of beautiful Christian faith will continue to be emulated by many of her associates for years to come.

## WILLIAM H. ELLIS.

One of the citizens of Boone county who believes that the most pleasant if not the most profitable calling is agriculture is William H. Ellis, of Marion township, and we are of the same opinion, for statistics show that farming compares most favorably with other occupations from the standpoint of success. It is said that ninety per cent. of the merchants fail and sixty per cent of the manufacturers, but there are very few farmers that make an assignment. It is true no great riches are acquired by the individual farmer, but in the big feat of making both ends meet, his record is good and he has fewer skeletons in his closet than those who follow any other industry, and the statement that it is the most healthful vocation needs no argument, and for those who have an eye for the beauties of nature and delight in her restfulness and inspiration, no line of endeavor is so pleasant.

Mr. Ellis was born in Scircleville, Clinton county, Indiana, December 13, 1859. He is a son of Thomas and Permilla (Hopkins) Ellis, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. The father came to this state when a young man and these parents were married in Clinton county and established their home there. Grandfather Ellis was an early settler in Tipton county, Indiana. The parents of our subject died in Clinton county when he was a boy, the father in 1873 and the mother in 1874, which threw their son, William H., on his own resources, having to support himself and care for two younger sisters, consequently he had little opportunity to acquire an education. In February, 1881, he married and began farming the home place in Clinton county, owning sixty acres, and he remained there until March 2, 1903, when he sold out and bought one hundred and forty acres in section 1, township 19, Marion township, Boone county. The place was partly improved and he has added many important improvements since then, building a fine barn, forty by fifty feet. He carries on general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of raising Poland-China hogs, keeps Shire and Belgium horses and maintains a dairy. No small portion of his comfortable annual income is derived from his live stock, and he is regarded as one of the leading farmers of his township in every respect, managing well and keeping constantly busy, deserving a great deal of credit, for he started under unfavorable circumstances.

Mr. Ellis married Alzina Gregg, who was born in Clinton county, Indiana, where she grew to womanhood and was educated there in the common schools. She is a daughter of James and Eliza (Thurman) Gregg, of Clinton county. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis: Ellsworth, Leotho C., William Everett, Jesse E., Armilda, Claude, Lawrence, Laoma and John.

Politically, Mr. Ellis is a Democrat, and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 691, Sheridan, Indiana.

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#### GEORGE STOLTZ.

In the death of the late George Stoltz, Boone county lost one of its representative citizens. As the day, with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of complete and successful efforts, ending in the rest of the night, so was the life of this honored man. His career was a long, busy and useful one, and although he devoted his attention primarily to his individual affairs, as is quite natural and right, he never allowed the pursuit of wealth to warp his kindly nature, but preserved his faculties and the warmth of his heart for the broadening and helpful influences of human life, being to the end a kindly, genial friend and gentleman whom it was a pleasure to meet. Through the long years of his residence in this locality he was ever true to the trusts reposed in him, of whatever nature, and, although born under another flag, he proved his loyalty to the Stars and Stripes by defending same in our great rebellion, and his reputation in a business way was unassailable. He commanded the respect of all by his upright life and engraved his name indelibly on the pages of Boone county's history. Mr. Stoltz's actions were ever the result of careful and conscientious thought, and when once convinced that he was right, no suggestion of policy or personal profit could swerve him from the course he had decided upon. His career was complete and rounded in its beautiful simplicity: he did his full duty in all relations of life and was beloved by those near to him and respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Stoltz was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, January 20, 1845. He was a son of George and Marguerite Stoltz, who emigrated with their son

to America in 1847, locating near Arcanum, Ohio, where the father engaged in farming for some time, then moved near Fort Wayne, Indiana, where his death occurred. The mother of our subject had died in Ohio previously. George Stoltz, Jr., spent his childhood on the farm and received his education in the common schools, and when fourteen years of age he began working in a lumber mill, learning the business thoroughly. Finally, he formed a partnership with John Bowser, later with James Tyre. They owned sawmills in Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri, and carried on lumbering on an extensive scale. With James Weed, our subject started a stone mill in Lebanon in 1876, which was converted into a sawmill and lumber business. He was also with Kellogg Brothers in Indianapolis for two years in the lumber business. He prospered all along the line by the exercise of sound judgment and by close application and was one of the substantial men financially in Boone county. He built and owned several valuable buildings in Lebanon, building up-to-date residences on some of his lots here. Having accumulated a comfortable competency, he retired from the active affairs of life in 1904.

Mr. Stoltz enlisted in August, 1864, in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Fletcher of Indianapolis, and he served faithfully for the Union until the close of the war.

On October 31, 1876, at Tabor, Iowa, Mr. Stoltz married Anna Cloud, who was born in Waynesville, Ohio, and is a daughter of Thomas and Virginia (Stitt) Cloud, the father from Marysville, Ohio and the mother from Crawfordsville, Indiana, she having been the first white child born in that town. She was a daughter of Judge Stitt, who entered land from the government on the present site of Crawfordsville and who became one of the most prominent citizens of that part of the state. He was judge of Montgomery county for a period of eight years. The paternal grandparents, Joel and Hanna (Cox) Cloud, were from Virginia. The maternal grandparents were James and Mary (Richardson) Stitt, he a native of Ireland and she of Virginia. Mrs. Stoltz grew up in her native locality and received a good education. She is a lady of many commendable characteristics and has a wide circle of friends who often gather at her beautiful and modernly appointed home in Lebanon where they always find genuine hospitality.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stoltz the following children were born: William

lives with his mother; Oscar died when twenty-one years of age; Mary is at home; George lives in Lebanon; Charles also lives in Lebanon.

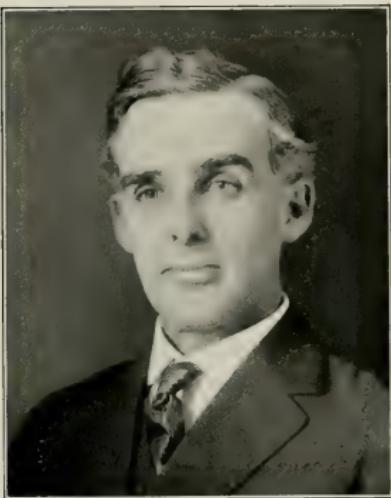
Politically, Mr. Stoltz was a Democrat, fraternally a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and religiously was a Lutheran, while Mrs. Stoltz holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was truly a good, honorable, kindly and useful man, and when his death occurred on May 20, 1906, he was sincerely lamented by a host of friends and acquaintances.

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#### JAMES MELVILLE WORLEY.

It is not often we are able to ascertain what is our best avenue of labor, when we begin casting about for a suitable vocation in life, so most of us try various things before we finally decide along which line lies our true bent. This was the case with James Melville Worley, lawyer, real estate and insurance man of Lebanon and one of Boone county's best known citizens. As a practitioner he is cautious, vigilant and indefatigable, contesting every point with unyielding tenacity and employing his vast store of legal knowledge in sustaining his positions and attacking those of his opponents. In argument, Mr. Worley is clear, forceful, logical and convincing, his irreproachable personal character giving him great weight with juries, and his known ability and learning equally impressing the bench.

Mr. Worley was born November 22, 1867 in Ashboro, Clay county, Indiana. He is a son of William Floyd and Jerusha J. (Cromwell) Worley, the father a native of Rush county, this state. Stephen Worley, the grandfather of our subject, came from east Tennessee to Rush county in the forties and in 1851 removed to the northeastern part of Boone county, where he spent the rest of his life. Of his family there were four sons, the father of our subject being the oldest; Enoch R., who lives in Sheridan, Hamilton county, still owns the old homestead in Boone county; John Wesley, the third brother is deceased; and James the youngest, moved to Illinois and later to Arkansas where he died a number of years ago. There were also two daughters in the family, both dying a number of years ago. William F. Worley, father of our subject, married in Boone county and afterwards moved to Clay county in 1860 where he lived until 1882 then returned to Boone county.



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locating in Marion township and there followed general farming until his death, January 12, 1904. The mother of our subject is a direct descendant of the great Englishman, Oliver Cromwell, whose name was borne by her father, the names being carried down through the succeeding generations to the present. Grandfather Oliver Cromwell came from Kentucky with the family about 1814 and settled in what is now Owen and Clay counties, Indiana, thus being among the earliest pioneers of this state. The only members of the family who came to Boone county were our subject's mother and her sister, Amanda, the latter marrying Jacob Parr, and she is still living as is also Mrs. William F. Worley, the latter remaining on the old home place in Marion township.

Four sons and one daughter were born to William F. Worley and wife, namely: Dr. Oliver P., formerly clerk of the circuit court of Boone county, who also practiced medicine here a number of years before removing to Kokomo, where he is now engaged in the practice; Amanda is the wife of Dennis Zenor, of Marion township; Stephen is farming the home place; Jesse B. is deceased; and James M., of this sketch.

James M. Worley was reared on the home farm and there worked when a boy, and he received his early education in the district schools, and when only seventeen years of age began teaching in the district schools, and he followed this work for a period of twelve years with much success, his services being in great demand because of his thorough work and popularity with pupils and patrons. During that period he attended the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, two summers. Finally tiring of the school room he came to Lebanon in 1896 and became deputy clerk of the circuit court under his brother, and he continued in that position and as record clerk for a period of ten years, under four different administrations, his long retention being evidence of his eminent fitness as a public servant. During these years in the clerk's office he read law and was admitted to practice in 1900 at the Boone county bar, and after leaving the clerk's office he formed a partnership with A. J. Shelby, as Shelby & Worley which continued during 1907-8, since which time he has been practicing alone. He has been admitted to practice in all the state and federal courts, and has built up a very satisfactory and growing clientele and is kept constantly busy with his large legal affairs and his other business, for since 1911 he has been engaged with Watt Fogle in the real estate business under the firm name of Worley & Fogle.

They handle farm and city property and also handle fire insurance. They have been very successful and their operations are extensive.

Mr. Worley was married December 24, 1888 to Elizabeth Farwick, a daughter of John B. and Jane (Hamilton) Farwick, of Marion township, Boone county where Mrs. Worley was reared to womanhood and educated. To our subject and wife four sons have been born, namely: Edward B., born in September, 1889; Vernon, born in July, 1891; Ralph L. born in February 1895; and Clark A., born in April, 1904.

Politically, Mr. Worley is a Progressive and he has long been active in public affairs. He served one term as a member of the Lebanon school board, during which the new high school building was erected in 1907, and which he strongly advocated. His party has honored him several times with nominations, for circuit clerk, first in 1898 and again was a candidate for prosecuting attorney in 1910, but each time the party suffered defeat at the polls in Boone county. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and he and his family belong to the Methodist church, and are faithful in their support of the same.

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#### CAPT. CARSON PORTER RODMAN.

This gentleman is another of the old soldiers whom it is a delight to honor. They are getting fewer and fewer in number and their march is not as quick and full of meaning and fire as it was fifty years ago when they were fighting for the perpetuity of the Union, but it thrills one to see them in their old uniforms, with their tattered flags flying and their forms bent as they hobble along on their canes at reunions or on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July. And how interesting it is to hear them tell the story of the dreadful hardships they endured in the crowded hospitals, on the harrassing marches, or in the battles and skirmishes, or in the prison cells of the Southern Confederacy. But their time is short now, so all persons should join in honoring them for the sacrifices they made when they were young and full of the love of life, but which was offered free on the altar of their country.

Capt. Carson Porter Rodman, who, after a very active, useful and successful life, is living in honorable retirement in his cozy home in Lebanon, is

one of the oldest native-born citizens of Boone county, his birth having occurred on a farm here October 15, 1835. He is a son of James and Mary (Guysinger) Rodman, one of the thrifty pioneer families of this county. James Rodman was born near Frankfort, Kentucky, about 1802, and was a son of John H. and Nancy (Cusic) Rodman. John Rodman was an early settler in the Blue Grass state, and was of Scotch-Irish descent, tracing his ancestry back to the sixteenth century in Scotland. He was a farmer in Kentucky and after the war of 1812 moved near Zanesville, Ohio, where he lived until about 1836, when he came to Marion county, Indiana, where he lived with his daughter until his death. James Rodman came to Boone county, Indiana, in 1820, when eighteen years of age, to hunt and trap game and fur-bearing animals then being abundant hereaway, and it is highly probable that he was one of the first white men in the county. In 1824 he entered one hundred and sixty acres here, which he cleared and developed into a good farm and on this he established a comfortable home, where he lived until 1839, when he removed to Shelby county, Illinois, and purchased two hundred and forty acres, on which he farmed until 1842, when he was killed by a bully who had a grudge against him. He was a strong character, rugged, courageous, hospitable and honest. Politically, he was a Democrat and in religious matters a Scotch Presbyterian. He and Mary Guysinger were married in 1824. She was born in Maysville, Kentucky, in 1805, and was of Austrian descent. Her death occurred in 1893.

Capt. Carson P. Rodman grew to manhood on the farm and there he found plenty of hard work to do when a boy. He received his education in the common schools. When seven years of age he went to live with his uncle at Zionsville. When the Civil war came on he enlisted in July, 1861, in Company A, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was at once commissioned second lieutenant, and he proved to be a most faithful and gallant officer, having the good will and confidence of both his soldiers and superior officers. After the battle of Mill Springs he was ordered home to receive a promotion to adjutant, appointed by Gov. Oliver P. Morton, and was assigned to the Eighty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which he organized. He was offered the colonelcy of this regiment but refused on account of his youth. After the battle of Stone River he was promoted to captain of Company H, Eighty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He participated in about twenty-six engagements, including the following: Stone River, Dalton,

Cave Hill City, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Cassville, those incident to the Atlanta campaign, Eutaw River, Burnt Hickory, Little Pine Top Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Jonesville, Lovejoy Station and numerous others of lesser note. He contracted rheumatism and was mustered out of service in November, 1864, with the rank of captain, and was honorably discharged.

After his military career, Captain Rodman returned to Indiana and began in the milling business at Clarkshill, which he continued two years, then spent a year near Michigan City, two years at Goodland, two years at Eugene, two years at Danville, Illinois, all the while continuing the milling business. He then superintended the building of an elevator at Remington, Indiana, where he remained three years. He spent the next four years in Boone county, having been appointed deputy county treasurer under S. S. Daily. After his term of office expired he spent a year in the hardware business. In 1878 he went to Chanute, Kansas, where he engaged in the milling business until 1880, then went to Kansas City, where he continued the same line for three years. We next find him in Sedalia, Missouri, where he spent two years, then in Kingman, Kansas, operating a mill at both places, continuing in the latter until 1907, when he retired from active life, having accumulated a handsome competency through his industry and good management, having had few equals and no superiors in the milling business, every phase of which he thoroughly mastered. When he retired he moved to Lebanon, Indiana, where he has since resided in a modern and attractive home, spending his declining years in comfort and surrounded by every convenience.

Captain Rodman was married on February 11, 1858, to Mary E. Daugherty, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, September 10, 1840, and there she grew to womanhood and received a common school education. Her family was well known and highly esteemed in that locality. She proved to be a faithful and competent helpmeet and was always a favorite with a wide circle of friends, being the possessor of many charming attributes of head and heart. She was called to her eternal rest August 22, 1895.

To the Captain and wife three children were born, namely: Roland L., of Corpus Christi, Texas; Luella M. married C. B. Parmenter, and they live in Kingman, Kansas; Harry C. makes his home in Baltimore, Maryland.

On October 2, 1907, Captain Rodman married Mrs. Mary A. Hendricks, a lady of refinement and a representative of an excellent old family.

Personally, the Captain is a man of fine characteristics, honorable in all the relations of life, companionable, charitable and public-spirited, and he has been highly respected and influential in the many different localities where he has resided.

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#### WILLIAM BRANDENBURG.

Perhaps no state in the Union has a greater right to be proud of her Union army veterans than Indiana, which sent regiment after regiment into the "jaws of death" "in order that the nation, under God, might live," and she did not send them in vain as their records readily attest. In fact, it is not too much to say that the national troops would have failed had it not been for the support of the Hoosiers, her thousands of gallant, intelligent, determined soldiers and her numerous able and renowned officers playing a great role in that tremendous drama of half a century ago, in fact, the state did all in its power in not only sending soldiers and furnishing her best men for leaders, but also spent vast sums of money and her women worked heroically one way and another for the cause of the Union. And, as one of our great men said, "There is glory enough for all." The hardships and sorrows were bravely borne by our people, the mothers gave up their sons like the brave Spartan mothers of old and everything is reconciled and justified. One of this praiseworthy band of Union supporters is William Brandenburg, a venerable citizen of Royalton, Boone county.

Mr. Brandenburg was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, June 20, 1849. He is a son of Patterson Brandenburg; also a native of the Blue Grass state, his parents having been natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to America in an early day and settled in the "dark and bloody ground" country when it was still an undeveloped region, the home of the savage and the wild denizens of the woods. The mother of our subject was known in her maidenhood as Malinda Matthews, whose people were natives of Virginia from which state they came to Kentucky in pioneer days and there she was born. In that state the parents of our subject grew to maturity, received such educational advantages as the old-time schools afforded which was very meager, and there they were married and established

their home. The father eventually moved to Harper county, Kansas. Several of their sons were soldiers in the Civil war, Dave, James and William, all fighting for the Union; however, James served principally as a teamster.

William Brandenburg grew to manhood on the farm and received his education in the district schools. When twenty-one years of age he married a Miss Wilson, and to this union these children have been born: Thomas, Henry, Walter and Rettie. Our subject's first wife died twelve years ago, and he subsequently married Mrs. Ginn, a widow.

Mr. Brandenburg enlisted in May, 1864, in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in the one hundred day service, and he was with the troops in Tennessee and Alabama and gave a good account of himself as a soldier, and was honorably discharged.

Mr. Brandenburg has a good home at Royalton, Eagle township. He has served twice as township supervisor.

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#### MILTON S. DAVENPORT.

Milton S. Davenport, the son of Austin and Elizabeth (Hooven) Davenport, was born April 2, 1830, on a farm where the village of Zionsville now stands. Austin Davenport and his wife were natives of North Carolina, the former of Davidson county and the latter of Randolph county, and in 1821 they came to Indiana with their two children and located in Wayne county and in 1823 they came on northwest and located in Boone county, where Mr. Davenport had entered land in 1822. Here this pioneer family experienced all the hardships common to the early settlement in a new country and all the privations to which such a life is heir, and here, starting in the woods, was forced to provide for his little family by the tilling of the soil and what little his trusty gun would furnish. At that time game of all kinds was in abundance, and the pioneer, as a rule, had plenty of wild game for the table. In 1832 Mr. Davenport sold his first purchase of land and entered three hundred and twenty acres farther east, and on this land he located the same year and built a brick house in the year 1834, it being one of the first brick residences in the county. There being no sawmill near by, he built a

platform onto which he rolled logs and out of same he whipsawed the joists and other material for the building, which was a two-story house and covered same with shaved shingles. It was here that Mr. Davenport died a few years later and on this farm the family continued to reside for years.

Milton S. Davenport was reared here in this pioneer settlement, having the advantages of the common school of that day and after his mother died, in 1838, he lived with a married sister and brother until he was fourteen years old, when he was bound out to learn the tanner's trade, and during his apprenticeship he received his board and clothing. After two years his guardian took him away and he finished his trade at Indianapolis, receiving during that period the princely salary of six dollars per month the third year and seven dollars per month the fourth year. In 1849 he bought a tannery at Eagle Village, which he conducted until 1851, when he traded same for a farm, which he worked for one year and from 1853 to 1858 he worked as a foreman in a tannery at Noblesville and the following year located at Zionsville and built a tannery, which he operated until 1867. He then lived on a farm of thirty acres one mile west of Zionsville, to which he added forty acres more.

In January, 1878, he abandoned farm life and located in Zionsville that he might conduct the insurance business, which he began in 1875 and has continued same up until the present time. Mr. Davenport has lived a busy life from early manhood, and with the exception of a few years has spent same at Zionsville or nearby.

Mr. Davenport was married on October 12, 1848, to Miss Mary I. Gates, a daughter of the gentleman for whom he worked several years and by this marriage he became the father of nine children, five of whom grew to maturity and were married, but only three of them are now living. Mrs. Davenport died on October 17, 1908, and on November 11, 1909, he married Mrs. Julia A. (Friburger) Lane, who died three months later, and on November 16, 1910, Mr. Davenport married Mrs. Mary J. Law, whose maiden name was McKenzie.

Fraternally, our subject belongs to the Masonic order, in which he has filled all the offices except Worshipful Master, and politically, he is a Republican, having cast his first vote for a Whig candidate. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been class leader for years.

## BENJAMIN B. McROBERTS.

Praise is always due to merit and especially where merit is the product of unassisted energy and perseverance. The self-made man commands our highest respect. Those struggles by means of which he has risen from obscurity to honorable distinction cannot fail to enlist sympathy and call forth our warmest applause. Benjamin B. McRoberts, of Lebanon, is a notable example of the successful, self-made man, and as such has made his influence felt among his fellow citizens by rising to one of the most important positions within their power to confer, being at the present time the capable and popular sheriff of Boone county, being the second time that he has been incumbent of the same, and in which he has ever displayed ability of a high order and fully met the high expectations of his friends and the general public. Mr. McRoberts springs from a sterling old Kentucky family, the name being an honorable one and wherever known stands for upright manhood and patriotic citizenship. Those bearing it have ever been jealous of the family honor, and tracing the genealogy back through a long line of sturdy ancestors but few, if any, instances can be discovered in which that honor has been sullied or its luster tarnished by the commission of unworthy acts. The subject of this review is a creditable representative of the family and seems to inherit to a marked degree many of the commendable qualities by which his antecedents have so long been distinguished.

Mr. McRoberts was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, near the town of Stanford, September 20, 1848. He is a son of George T. and Ellen (Gains) McRoberts, the father born in the same vicinity as was our subject, while the mother's birth occurred in Boyle county, Kentucky. These parents grew to maturity in the Blue Grass state and were educated and married there and established the family home on a farm. The father learned the carpenter's trade in early life, which he followed in connection with farming. He and his wife spent their lives in their native state and both died there a number of years ago. They were industrious and honest, honored by their neighbors and acquaintances.

Benjamin B. McRoberts grew to manhood on the home farm in Kentucky and assisted his father with the general work there, attending the common schools in his neighborhood during the winter months. He remained under the parental roof-tree until 1881, when he came to Boone county, Indiana, and hired out at farm work by the month. He saved his



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wages and thereby got a start. In December, 1883, he married Martha Abbott, who was born in Union township, this county, where she was reared and educated in the rural schools. She is a daughter of John and America (Sedgwick) Abbott, the father a native of Decatur county, and the mother of Boone county, Indiana. After his marriage our subject rented a farm in Union township for one year. This was on the Shoemaker farm, then he moved to the Marvin farm, where he spent two years, then moved to the John Abbott farm, that of his father-in-law. After living there a year he moved to the Weed farm, in Marion township, where he spent sixteen years, then bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, where he lived until January 1, 1908, then bought eighty acres north and forty acres south of Elizaville, making a total of two hundred and eighty acres, when, having been elected sheriff of Boone county the previous fall, he assumed the duties of this important office and moved to Lebanon. After serving one term to the eminent satisfaction of the people he returned to his farm and engaged in general agricultural pursuits with his usual success for four years more, then was again elected sheriff of his county and is now serving his second term in a most faithful and conscientious manner; in fact, many pronounce him the best sheriff the county has ever had; it seems certain, any way, that he has had no superiors. He has done much to suppress the tendency of law breaking in all forms in the county and has done much toward the civic betterment of the community in many ways.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts: George Arson, who lives in Marion township; Teressa is the wife of Earl Barhard, of Clinton township; William Otis lives in Clinton township; Jessie is the wife of Clint Sanders, of Clinton township; Harvey is living on his father's old farm.

Politically, Mr. McRoberts is a loyal Democrat and has long been active in party affairs. Something of his high standing and popularity will be seen from the fact that he is the first sheriff to be elected on the Democratic ticket in Boone county since 1883. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic Order, including the Chapter and Commandery; also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Lebanon. He is an obliging and courteous gentleman, broad-minded, straightforward and self-possessed, a man who impresses you at once.

## REV. ABNER H. LONGLEY.

Abner Hixon Longley was born in Mason county, Kentucky, near the town of Maysville, on a farm. His father was a New Yorker, and his mother a Jersey woman, of average English education. The name Longley was then, and remained for half a century, almost unknown in the western states. It was brought over from England by three brothers, who settled in Massachusetts soon after the landing of the "Mayflower." Of these three brothers the history of but one is known; and that is on record that he and all his family except one son were massacred by the Indians. That son was rescued, and from him have sprung the now somewhat large number of families bearing his name.

The father of Abner removed with his large family to Butler county, Ohio, within three miles of Oxford, where he died February 23, 1818, aged seventy-two. The mother, whose maiden name was Martha Hixon, survived him until 1844; kept the family together, and so trained young Abner that he cultivated a literary turn of mind which shaped his future course in life. She lived to be eighty years old and died in Lebanon, Indiana. Of five sons, John became a New Light preacher, and besides raising a family of twenty-five children—or rather becoming the father of that number, for the larger portion of them died in childhood, as might be expected—he pursued his ministerial calling in Indiana most of the time until he was eighty-six years old, when he died in LaFayette.

Abner H. Longley learned the trade of a cabinet maker, and pursued it faithfully for a number of years, at the same time that he was pursuing the higher studies of a liberal education in the then young Miami University in Oxford. The distinguished scholar and author, William H. McGuffey, was then just beginning his famous career as an educator, and the subject of our sketch was one of his most promising pupils. Among his classmates were such afterward prominent men as Gen. Charles Anderson, Gen. Robert C. Schenck, Hon. Samuel Galloway, and others. Before finishing his education he began preaching the same reformatory Christian doctrines that were promulgated by his older brother.

But it so happened that that pioneer Universalist preacher, Jonathan Kidwell, had just located in Oxford, and began publishing his first periodical in advocacy of his new doctrines, and Mr. Longley's attention was attracted

to them. The result was that he espoused them, began preaching the then heretical doctrines about the year 1820. His field of itineracy was wherever he was called, and he preached the gospel as he understood it, to few or many, and generally without money or price. He also devoted much time writing for the periodicals devoted to Universalism throughout his long life. He always spoke and wrote in clear, forcible, argumentative style and was listened to and read with interest. His earlier preaching was in Butler, Preble and Warren counties, Ohio; but after moving to Lebanon, Boone county, Indiana, where he arrived in August, 1832, and was the first settler and built the first house in the town, he improved every opportunity to disseminate the faith of future universal salvation from sin and consequent misery. In 1836 he was elected to the Indiana Legislature by the Democrats of the counties of Boone and Hamilton, but in 1854 he became a Republican.

In 1839 Mr. Longley lost his first wife, whose maiden name was Mary Stephenson, and whom he married in Lebanon, Ohio. In less than a year he married again, this time Mrs. Sophronia Snow Bassett, of Cincinnati, and he removed his family of five boys and two daughters to that city. One object he cherished in his mind in removing to Cincinnati was to give his children a better education than could be obtained in the then unimproved county of Boone. In this he partially, if not wholly to his satisfaction, succeeded. He also was enabled to devote more of his time to preaching, though he never became a settled pastor over any considerable congregation. For several years he preached regularly, once or twice a month, to organized churches in Delhi and Mt. Healthy, near Cincinnati, Goshen, Clermont county, Williamsburg, and elsewhere in the same county. He also, on quite a number of occasions, preached in both the Universalist churches in Cincinnati.

In 1844 Mr. Longley's mind was directed to an examination of the doctrines of Charles Fourier, the French socialist, who wrote and published a very elaborate scheme for benefiting the human race by a more equitable distribution of the rewards of labor and money. A society was formed, consisting of intelligent and well-meaning men, to solve the problem of associated labor and consolidated or a unitary household. It was a joint stock enterprise, and not a community of property, in which every member, from the child of twelve years up, was to be rewarded according to the time and skill given to productive industry. The organization purchased a few hundred acres of excellent land on the Ohio river, forty miles above Cincinnati.

They chartered a steamboat and took along all their members, goods, live stock and also the lumber to build board shanties for temporary residence until they made brick and built substantial houses. They had bought the land on three payments, paying the first in cash and expecting to meet the others by the sale of wood from their forest to the passing steamboats for fuel, but the second payment was missing and upon the third becoming due without payment, a foreclosure forfeited their right to remain any longer and they were required to leave the place and so their organization was dissolved and most of them returned separately to Cincinnati. Later a smaller organization bought a small part of the land and occupied the building on it. It was a community with common property, but their fate was soon sealed; this time by their houses being destroyed by a large flood of the Ohio river. Although Mr. Longley gave up his interest in social reform in consequence of the failure of this attempt, yet one of his younger sons then took up the work and has continued his efforts in it up to this time, so that now, in his eighty-second year, he is yet in a community at Sulphur Springs, Missouri, and is publisher of a monthly paper. He was brought with Mr. Longley's family to Lebanon when he was only five months old, being its first baby.

In 1850 Mr. Longley's second wife died, and during a visit to his brother, John, in LaFayette, he was introduced by his brother to an amiable widow whom he thought would be a comfort to him in his affliction and a good mother to his children. The result was in due time he married Mrs. Amorette Lawrence, of that city, and soon afterward moved the younger portion of his family back to Lebanon, where he continued to live and to preach as he had a call, and to work at his trade, more or less, until 1866, when he removed to Paola, Kansas.

Of the children of Abner H. Longley, of whom he had thirteen, seven boys and six girls, something may be said, as he was more successful with them than was his brother John, though there were fewer of them. He lived to see all of them but three, who died in childhood, grown to manhood and womanhood, married and respectably situated in society, and with fair educations, two or three of the sons receiving partial collegiate courses in "Old Woodward College," Cincinnati. The elder, Elias, was designed by his father for a minister, at least his education was directed in that line, and while in college his reading and literary exercises were all directed toward theological topics and religious exercises. He was a brave advocate and de-

fender of the faith of his father, in many a discussion with his schoolmates and in the debates in the hall of the literary society. And the good father was for a short time gratified by the efforts of his son in the same pulpits he himself had been occupying. But Elias was not himself satisfied with those three or four attempts at preaching, and he abandoned the idea of becoming a minister. He was then engaged in printing the *Star* in the west, Rev. John A. Gurley's paper, and was then, and continued to be, a frequent writer for its columns. He was afterwards quite prominently known as a writer for and publisher of phonetic and phonographic books, and from the breaking out of the war in 1861, as a shorthand reporter and city editor upon the Cincinnati daily papers.

The other sons, Servetus, Septimius, Cyrenius, Alcander, Albert and Abner, all followed the footsteps of their elder brother, and became printers, and two of the daughters, Salome and Mary A., married printers and editors, and furthermore most of the children of all of the family are now either printers, publishers, or in some way engaged in such pursuits. One of the sons, Albert, is now a lawyer in Cincinnati. Abner is dead and Alexander, the youngest son of Mr. Longley's first wife, has continued his interest up to the present time in the phonetic and community idea by the publication of a monthly paper.

Mr. Longley always took a lively interest in politics, but was not regarded as a politician; still, in 1836, perhaps it was he was elected to the Indiana Legislature by the Democrats of the counties of Boone and Hamilton. He was also county surveyor for a time. In 1854 he abandoned the Democratic party because of the position of that party on the repeal of the "Missouri Compromise."

The following, from a Paola, Kansas, paper, will fittingly close the sketch of this worthy brother:

"In the death of Rev. A. H. Longley, whose life went out on the morning of the 9th of May, 1879, the 'Reaper' gleaned one of the richest harvests ever taken from our circles. He was born in Kentucky, in December, 1796, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-two. His life was so well preserved, having been strongly temperate in all things, that he had the appearance of being not over sixty-five. He was endowed with remarkable mental powers, a sensible thinker, and up to the time of his death was greatly interested in governmental matters. For a number of years he was a resident of Cincin-

nati, Ohio, and from there moved to Lebanon, Indiana, where he built the first house in that city, and continued to reside there until he came to Paola, twelve years ago.

"In religious belief he was a Universalist, and for more than fifty years preached the gospel as he understood it. A man of strong conviction, conscientious to an eminent degree, he was honored wherever he was known for his many Christian virtues. There never was a better husband, never a better father, never a better man. During his sickness, when conversing about dying, he was asked, 'But you are not afraid to die, are you, father?' His response was: 'O, no, no, no! why should I be? Why should I be when I know there is a bright immortality in waiting?'

"He leaves ten children, six of whom live in Cincinnati. The oldest son came to his bedside in answer to a telegram, remained two days, and carried the body home with him for interment in Spring Grove cemetery, one of the most beautiful places of earth.

"The stricken wife, children and friends have the sincerest sympathy of all, and their earnest prayers to comfort them in their sorrow. The world is better that he lived. He leaves none but beautiful memories behind him. That heaven is sweeter which receives his saintly soul."

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#### CAPT. FELIX SHUMATE.

Capt. Felix Shumate, for years one of the most respected citizens of Lebanon, Boone county, Indiana, was one of those patriots who were among the first to offer their services to the country at the breaking out of the Civil war. He was the second man in Boone county to enroll his name at the call to arms, the first being Elisha Kise, son of Colonel Kise. Captain Shumate springs, on his paternal side, from an old Virginian family of German descent, and on the maternal side from an English family that settled in Maryland—both families coming to America before the Revolutionary period. William Shumate, the earliest ancestor of Felix of whom we have any authentic record, was a wealthy planter and slave-holder in Fauquier county, Virginia. He there married Mary Miller, who bore him eight children, named John, Isaac, Peyton, William, Newton, James, Ruth and Ada-

line. Of these, John Shumate was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, on his father's farm, in 1808. He learned the trade of cotton and wool carding, which he followed both in Maryland and Kentucky. Eventually he settled in Jefferson county, Kentucky, and there married Mary Yates, daughter of Isaac and Lucy Yates, pioneers of Jefferson, and descendants of most excellent English families. Richard Yates, of Illinois, was a nephew of the said Isaac Yates. To Mr. and Mrs. John Shumate were born nine children, named as follows: Amanda, William, Isaac, Lydia, Felix, Lucy, John, Thomas and Columbus, all born in Shelby county, Kentucky, where the father, John, resided for many years and ran a cotton and woolen mill. In 1855 he came to Indiana and settled in Boone county on a farm, and in 1863, although fifty-six years of age, enlisted at Lebanon in the Eleventh Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, and in 1864 was appointed from the ranks in the field to be hospital steward. He was in the battle at Nashville, and took part in a gallant charge on the rebel works, and was also in many skirmishes, serving continually until the close of the war. In 1866 he moved to Minnesota and opened up a new farm at Litchfield, in Meeker county, of which he was one of the earliest settlers. There he died January 7, 1887, at the age of seventy-nine years, a stanch Republican, though at first a Democrat. Four of his sons were in the Civil war, viz: William, an orderly sergeant in Company I, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted at Lebanon in April, 1861, and then re-enlisted in the Ninth Volunteer Regiment of United States troops; Isaac enlisted at Peoria, Illinois, in 1862, in Company H, Twenty-seventh Illinois, and died of wounds received in the battle of Resaca; Felix enlisted at Lebanon on April 15, 1861, Company I, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for the three months' service, and again enlisted, on the reorganization of the regiment, in the same company, reaching the captaincy; Thomas also enlisted in Company H, Eleventh Regiment, in the fall of 1862 and served until the close of the war.

Capt. Felix Shumate was born on February 25, 1839, on his father's farm in Shelby county, Kentucky, and was fourteen years of age when he came with his father to Indiana. He was reared a farmer, but also learned the brickmaking trade at Lebanon. When the war broke out, he, with Elisha K. Kise, David H. Oliver and George W. Smith, drew straws in order to decide which should have the honor of being the first to enroll, and the honor fell to Kise; the second place to Shumate. The company was placed under

the command of Capt. William C. Kise, formerly a lieutenant in the Mexican war, and the enlistment was for three months. J. W. Perkins was elected first lieutenant, R. C. Kise, second lieutenant, John H. Dooley, orderly sergeant, and Felix Shumate, second corporal. All these men served in reorganizations nearly throughout the war, and with higher rank. Capt. J. W. Perkins, however, was killed at the battle of Chattanooga; Capt. John H. Dooley lost an arm at Mission Ridge, and of an enrollment of sixty-one, forty per cent died on the field of battle. The company fought at Rich Mountain and was complimented for its victory and there Mr. Shumate served as corporal. He was commissioned first lieutenant on reorganization on September 2, 1861, and as such took part at Mill Spring, Kentucky; was at Shiloh, siege of Corinth (where he was wounded); was at Perryville, Kentucky, Boston, Hoover's Gap, Tullahoma, Chickamauga, Chattanooga (where he was commissioned captain on the death of Captain Perkins), Missionary Ridge, Winchester, Ringgold, Tunnel Hill, Resaca, in Sherman's campaign; in all the battles under General Thomas, except Lovejoy Station; was at Pendleton Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Lost Mountain, New Hope Church, Kingston, Adairsville, Atlanta, Chattahoochee Bridge, Peach Tree Creek, and many others too numerous to make mention of. On his return to Lebanon, the Captain engaged in the manufacture of brick, and erected some of the best buildings in the city, including, also, all of the block on the south end, except Zion's corner; built the Cason block and the marble front block; also many on Lebanon street; also the Methodist church, the Presbyterian church and the Southside school house.

Captain Shumate was married on November 17, 1867, to Amanda E. Perkins, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (McLewain) Perkins. One son, J. W. Shumate, was born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Shumate were members of the Methodist church, and in politics he was a Republican. He served as deputy county treasurer eight years and also filled several local offices, including that of common councilman for three terms, and for four years was postmaster under Benjamin Harrison. He was a Mason, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and had command of a militia company organized by himself after the close of the war. He held a commission from Blue Jeans Williams, while he was governor, as captain of the first militia organization the county ever had. Capt. Felix Shumate died at his home in Lebanon, Indiana, December 8, 1894.

## CHARLES W. SCOTT.

Charles W. Scott, former clerk of Boone county circuit court, Indiana, and who a few years ago was an enterprising merchant of Lebanon, is of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, January 25, 1847, and was about five years of age when brought by his parents to Lebanon, Boone county, Indiana, where he attended the public schools until he reached the age of seventeen years, when, filled with patriotic ardor, he enlisted to assist in the preservation of the integrity of his beloved country in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days, under Capt. R. A. Williamson. He was seized with chronic diarrhea, however, and for a time was confined in the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, but served out the full time of his enlistment, nevertheless, and on his return home enlisted, April 1, 1863, in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Indiana Infantry, for one year. He was assigned to duty in the Shenandoah Valley, but was again attacked by his old disorder and was confined in the Federal hospital at Stephenson, Virginia, and then again at Cumberland, Maryland, and was sent thence to the general hospital at Claryville, Maryland, whence he went to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he was discharged under general orders in the fall of 1865. He returned home a constitutional wreck and for several months was unable to attend to business, and even to this day his health is in a shattered condition. When he had sufficiently recuperated he joined his father in the mercantile business, but in 1875 sold out his interest and engaged for one year in the jewelry trade, when he again sold out; for four years afterward he clerked for Wilson & Baker, merchants of Lebanon, and then for five years was in the grocery business on the north side. In the fall of 1890 he was elected, on the Democratic ticket, clerk of the Boone county circuit court, and being a very popular man, received a very large majority and succeeded a Republican in the office.

Mr. Scott was married on June 30, 1871, at Lima, Ohio, to Miss Lizzie Kiplinger, daughter of William S. and Mary (Thatcher) Kiplinger. This lady's father was a contractor and builder and constructed many of the best edifices in Lima. Four children have been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Scott and were named John William, Mary Lula, Wallace A. and May Queen, all of whom were born in Lebanon, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Scott

are members of the Methodist church, and their daily walk through life shows the sincerity of their religious faith. Mr. Scott served his second term as commander of Rich Mountain Post No. 42, Grand Army of the Republic, and has held all the chairs in Ben Adhem Lodge No. 472, Independent Order of Odd Fellows: was also a member of the grand lodge and grand senior warden of the grand encampment of the same order; he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Winnebago Tribe No. 36, and has filled all the offices in his tribe; likewise is a member of the grand council; as a Knight of Pythias, he is a member of Lebanon Lodge No. 45, and is, moreover, past chancellor of this order and a member of the grand lodge. Soon after retiring from the office of clerk he located at Warsaw, Indiana, where he now resides.

The remote ancestors of Charles W. Scott came to America in the colonial days and settled in Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Samuel Scott, moved, in his young days, to Licking county, Ohio. He had married in Pennsylvania Sarah Moore, who bore him five children: Elizabeth J., Joseph, John M., James M. and Sarah C. The third child in the above family, John M., was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1824, and married in Hardin, Ohio, April 19, 1846, Mary A. Blue, daughter of Barnabas and Mary (Hilliard) Blue, the result of which union was seven children, viz: Charles W., whose name opens this sketch; Edward L.; Flora G.; Amanda; Harry B., who died at the age of fourteen years; Hattie, and Lizzie, who died in infancy; of this family the three first named were born in Ohio and the remaining four in Lebanon, Indiana. His great grandfather, Joseph Scott, was born in Ireland, coming to this country when a young man. His great grandmother, \_\_\_\_\_ (Curry) Scott, was born in Scotland and also came to America in an early day and settled with her parents in Pennsylvania near her to-be-future husband. His grandfather, Samuel Scott, moved in his young days to Licking county, Ohio, having previously been married to Sarah Moore in Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Barnabas Blue, was born near Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and moved when a boy with his father to Miami county, Ohio, and settled near the present city of Piqua. Mary (Hilliard) Blue was born and reared in and near Cincinnati, Ohio, until fifteen years of age, when her father moved to what is now the city of Piqua, Ohio, but at that time the present thriving city consisted of one log cabin, which was occupied by a French family.

James M. Scott was apprenticed when fifteen years of age to Mr. Knapp, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, to learn the tailoring trade—his father's contract with Mr. Knapp being that he was to serve until twenty-one years of age and then he was to receive one good suit of jeans clothes and a Bible. After passing four or five years in Logan and Shelby counties, Ohio, he came to Lebanon, Indiana, in 1852 and opened a dry goods store, which he conducted for many years and became one of the best-known business men of Boone county. Between 1854 and 1856 he was postmaster of the city, an office he filled to the entire satisfaction of the public. He took a leading part in the building of the Missionary Baptist church in the city, his wife being an ardent member of this denomination. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, but was a staunch supporter of the Union cause during the late Civil war, giving his only son old enough to enlist, Charles W., to the service of the Union cause. Mr. Scott was always active in the promotion of the best interests of the city of Lebanon and erected some of its finest business blocks, among them, in company with G. W. Baird, the marble front on the corner of Lebanon and Main streets. He took an active interest in educational matters and in everything else that led to the public welfare. The business firms with which he was connected were Scott & McLaughlin, Scott & Baird, Scott & Daily and Scott & Son. His death took place August 31, 1877, but his widow survived until August 2, 1887, and in their demise Lebanon sustained a severe loss.

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#### LEVI LANE.

Levi Lane was one of the most honored and respected citizens of Lebanon. He was for many years connected with the office of circuit clerk, holding that office personally for several years, and was deputy under the second clerk of the circuit court—Samuel S. Brown—the first clerk of this court for Boone county having been David Hoover. Mr. Lane was a descendant from sterling English stock. His grandfather, James Lane, came from England at the age of fourteen years, having run away from his parents, who lived in the city of London. He shipped on board a vessel for America, and at New York was apprenticed to pay his passage money. At the age of eighteen he was drafted into the colonial army and served through-

out the Revolutionary war. He married in Virginia, and, with his wife, shortly after moved to Grainger county, Tennessee, in which state Mr. Lane was one of the pioneers. He cleared up a good farm on Flat creek and there passed the remainder of his days. To Mr. Lane and wife were born four children: William, James, Edward, and one daughter, whose name is not remembered. He was a member of the Baptist church and well known throughout the county as a man of sterling worth. He reached the great age of eighty years. William Lane, his son, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia, December 2, 1787, was taken to Tennessee by his parents and grew up among the pioneers of that state. He became a farmer and married Sarah Haines, who was born on February 14, 1782. She was the daughter of David Haines, who was of Irish stock. To Mr. and Mrs. Lane were born the following children: Polly, Addison, Josiah C., Louis, John, Ruth, Levi, Ann, Rhoda, and one who died an infant. They are all deceased and all left families. William Lane was a substantial farmer, owning two hundred acres of land. He was appointed by the state legislature justice of the peace, and served continuously for forty years, his judgment being respected by all who knew him. At an early day he served as a soldier in the Indian troubles. He died on his farm February 10, 1845, aged sixty-eight years. He was a man of honorable character and a typical American pioneer.

Levi Lane, his son, was born July 9, 1815, on his father's farm in Grainger county, Tennessee, twenty-two miles north of Knoxville. He was reared a farmer and left home at the age of twenty-five years. He had received a good common school education for his day, and taught a subscription school two winters. In 1840, the day after the election of William H. Harrison to the presidency, he left his old home for Boone county, Indiana. His brother, Josiah, accompanied him. He was a man of family and had already settled in Boone county but had been home on a visit. Levi Lane had just taken an active part for his age and position in the famous "Log Cabin and Hard Cider" campaign, in which the excitement had run very high, the war cry being "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too." On the first day of the journey the brothers passed the famous chestnut tree where the three states—Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky—meet. Here had been held a political rally and the flag still waved in shreds from the top of a tree. The woods nearby were filled with cider barrels, from which the hard cider had

freely flowed to quench the thirst and cause the enthusiasm in the celebrated campaign. Mr. Lane came directly to Lebanon, making the journey of four hundred miles on horseback in three weeks, arriving here in November. Four brothers of the Lane family settled in Boone county, three of them, Addison, Josiah C. and Lewis, came from Putnam county, Indiana, where they had settled between 1830 and 1832. They are now deceased. In the May following his arrival, in 1840, Levi Lane and his brother Addison and family returned to the old home in Tennessee for a visit.

Levi Lane returned to Lebanon in September, 1841, and from that time until his death remained permanently. On the next day after his arrival, in September, 1841, he entered the office of county clerk as deputy and continued in this position two and one-half years. Mr. Brown, the clerk, being succeeded by John Chrisman, who resigned his position, Mr. Lane was elected to fill his unexpired term and served by appointment and election six and one-half years. He was then deputy under subsequent clerks until late in the nineties, with the exception of eight years. During this long period of more than forty-five years he made more court records than any man in the state of Indiana; and issued more marriage licenses, as he had served in the clerk's office for a longer period than any other man in the state. His records were accurate and very legible and now of great value.

Mr. Lane married on August 23, 1842, Pheriba Hayes, daughter of Charles Hayes, of Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Lane were born ten children: Henry S., Clara L., Empson T., Willard W., Samantha E., Joseph B., Nellie L., Albert L., Morris E. and Georgianna, who died an infant, all born in Lebanon, and this is the proper order of their birth. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lane were members of the Methodist church, of which he was one of the trustees and also steward, and for forty years was secretary of the quarterly conferences and board of stewards. Politically, he was a stanch Republican; he was a strong Union man during the war, in which he had two sons, Henry S. and Empson T. Henry S. was in an Indiana infantry regiment and served during the war. He was in the battle of Pittsburg Landing and in the gunboat service and hospital steward and paymaster's clerk. Empson T. was in an Indiana regiment and in seven skirmishes. Mr. Lane was one of the best Union men in the county and was universally respected. Mr. Lane passed away several years ago and the name of this grand old pioneer will long remain in the memory of the citizens of Boone county.

## BENJAMIN BOOHER.

Benjamin Booher, for years one of the wealthiest residents of Boone county, and one of the most energetic and business-like farmers of his township, intelligent and self-made, descended from good old Pennsylvania German stock, and was well worthy of a prominent place in any volume of biographical record. His grandfather, John Booher, on coming from Germany to America, first located in the Keystone state and there married a native of Germany, and to this union were born the following named children: Jacob, Mary, William, Benjamin, John, Frederick, Isaac, Henry and Elizabeth. All of them, imbued with the stamina of their origin, grew to maturity, emigrated to the farming lands of Virginia and Tennessee and reared families to add to the wealth of the nation through their incessant toil. John Booher, the grandfather, finally found a home in Sullivan county, Tennessee, in the early settlement of that section, but still retained his farm in Washington county, Virginia. He was a slave owner and a well-to-do planter of considerable influence in both states. His son, Jacob, the father of Benjamin, our subject, was born in Pennsylvania on March 3, 1777, and when a boy of twelve, in 1789, found himself a resident of Tennessee. He there learned the blacksmith's trade, and there married Catherine Barnett, a daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Barnett, and to this, his first marriage, were born five children, named William, Mary, Elizabeth, Guardianas and John M. This lady was called away in due course of time and Mr. Booher married her sister, Elizabeth Barnett, and to this union were born seven children, viz: Catherine, Jonathan, Jacob, Ambrose, Lucinda, Benjamin and Leander. December 8, 1834, Jacob Booher left Tennessee and came to Indiana and settled on one hundred and sixty acres of entered land in Montgomery county, to which he subsequently added by purchase two hundred and forty acres, but not immediately adjoining his entered property. He became a man of much wealth and influence and a representative citizen. He and his wife were faithful members of the Lutheran church, and in politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat. He lived to be sixty-eight years of age, and died July 29, 1845, on his farm in Montgomery county, Indiana, mourned by all who knew him.

Benjamin Booher, late of Lebanon, Indiana, with whom this particular

sketch has most to do, was born on his father's farm in Sullivan county, Tennessee, September 5, 1821. He received the education usually accorded in the common schools of his early days, but was an apt scholar and quick to learn through self-application to the books that came within his command. He was thirteen years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents, and here he was invigorated both in body and mind through the severe discipline of farm labor. He was married in Boone county on October 20, 1842, to Margaret, daughter of William and Margaret (Hughes) Beeler, and twelve children were born to this genial union. The order of birth is: Martha, Margaret E., William J., Albert L., Benjamin C., Sylvester C., Vando L., Adelaide M., Mark A., Emma R., Daniel B. and Minnie F.

Benjamin Booher had been but three years married when he located in what is now Whitestown, Boone county, where he bought ninety acres in the dense wilderness. He cleared it of its heavy timber, and by hard work and thrift increased his possessions to one thousand seven hundred acres, almost all of which was in one body, and of this large property he gave to his children, donating to each of them a comfortable sized farm. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Booher married Mrs. Mary Smith, who had borne the maiden name of Ross. He then moved to Lebanon, and here purchased his substantial and elegant brick residence, retiring from the more active duties of business, but still following his restless activity in giving his attention to the details of some of the more important business of his life until a short time prior to his death, which occurred on December 28, 1910.

Mr. Booher was a man of remarkable physical strength as well as intellectual superiority and force of character, and it is stated that at the age of fifty-five years he could easily spring over the back of a high horse. His stupendous labor in the field and untiring industry have given full evidence of his physical endurance. He was entirely self-made as to pecuniary affairs, but his position as an intelligent citizen of high standing before his fellow-men has come through nature alone. He took but little interest in politics, thinking for himself on all matters pertaining to political economy and party affairs, but yet, on one occasion withdrew from his personal business to become trustee of Worth township as a self-imposed duty. He won his high position before his fellow-citizens entirely through his personal exertions.

Mr. Booher's mother, Elizabeth Barnett, was born on February 3, 1779,

a daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Barnett; they were natives of Pennsylvania and later they moved to West Virginia, where they remained until death. They were farmers and very devoted Christian people and were the parents of the following named children: George, Catherine, John, Adam, Jacob, Peter, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Sarah and Nicholas. The father of this family was a man of ordinary means but much respected.

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#### SAMUEL S. HEATH.

One would find it necessary to search long and far to find a farm kept in better condition or managed under more up-to-date methods than that of Samuel S. Heath, one of the most progressive and extensive agriculturists of Boone county and one of the most widely known stock men of northern Indiana. For Mr. Heath does not only work hard and persists in keeping everything in its proper place and doing the right thing at the right time, but is a close student of local conditions and is widely read in such literature as pertains to twentieth century methods of husbandry, so that he is enabled to reap just rewards for his pains and efforts from year to year, and, owing to the superb system of his operations, he seems to accomplish more at a less expenditure of labor than do most men. He has learned that very frequently "haste makes waste," and while he tries to do everything with neatness and dispatch, he realizes that there are times when rushing methods are not the best, when patience must be exercised, and when the methods of his grandfather in tilling the soil must give way to the newer and more scientific ways. He is a scion of a sterling old Hoosier family, many of whose worthy attributes he has inherited, and, like his forebears, he has striven to fulfill his full duties as a citizen.

Mr. Heath was born in Jennings county, Indiana, July 12, 1850. He is a son of James M. and Elizabeth (Neal) Heath. The father was born in North Carolina and the mother was a native of Kentucky. They were young in years when they came to Indiana and were married in Jennings county, where they remained until 1861, when they removed to Boone county and settled in Center township on a farm. They have both been deceased more than twenty years.



SAMUEL S. HEATH



Samuel S. Heath grew to manhood on the farm and he received a common school education. When a very young man he began buying and shipping live stock, having been by nature an exceptionally good judge of all kinds of stock. He started in a very small way, for he had no capital, but was successful from the beginning and prospered with advancing years, and in due course of time became the largest buyer and shipper in this part of Indiana, operating in both central Indiana and southeastern Illinois, and he enjoyed a reputation all over this country as a thoroughly honorable and trustworthy buyer. He shipped to Chicago, Indianapolis, Louisville and eastern markets. From 1880 to 1890, after giving up his very extensive stock shipping operations he was engaged in the grain and elevator business at Lebanon on a large scale, shipping enormous consignments of grain. While still in the stock business he engaged on no small scale in pork packing in Lebanon for two years, and for about ten years he remained in the packing business in Indianapolis. For some time he was also connected with the Dairy Cream Separator Company of Lebanon, manufacturers of cream separators, was a member of the board of directors and actively connected with its management; in fact, was one of the promoters of this company and his energy and wise counsel contributed very largely to its pronounced success, and it soon grew to be one of the most important industries of the city in which it is located. In fact, whatever he has turned his attention to has resulted in gratifying financial returns, for he is a man of sound judgment, rare business acumen and foresight and his honesty is unquestioned, consequently everyone has implicit confidence in him. He was a member of the company that brought natural gas to Lebanon when the gas fields of Indiana were first developed and was a member of the board of directors of that company. He has acquired large landed interests in Boone county and is now engaged extensively in farming and feeding live stock, owning a well improved, productive and valuable farm in Center township, on which stands an attractive home and large, convenient outbuildings. He feeds annually large numbers of hogs, cattle and sheep, but his stock dealings during the past few years have been confined to feeding on his farm. He is a stockholder in the Citizens Loan & Trust Company, and has various other business interests, and is one of the substantial men of the county, a

representative citizen in every respect and eminently entitled to the high esteem which is universally accorded him.

Politically, Mr. Heath is a Republican, in the ranks of which party he has long been active and influential. He served as chairman of the county committee and with his careful management, victory usually resulted for the Republican candidates in Boone county. He has been a frequent delegate to county, district and state conventions. He was one of the assistant sergeant-at-arms at the national Republican convention in Chicago in 1888. In 1878 he filled the office of County Recorder by appointment, and discharged the duties of the same for two years in a highly acceptable manner. In January, 1906, he was appointed postmaster at Lebanon by President Roosevelt and after serving one term of four years in a manner that was pleasing to the department and the people he was re-appointed by President Taft for another term of four years.

Fraternally, Mr. Heath is a member of the Masonic Order and the Improved Order of Red Men.

Mr. Heath was married to Cora B. DeVol, a daughter of Frank and Barcina (Williams) DeVol, a highly respected old family of Boone county, where Mrs. Heath grew to womanhood and was educated. This union has been without issue. Mr. and Mrs. Heath are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a trustee in the local congregation, and they both are active in church and Sunday school work. Mr. Heath maintains his residence at 309 North Lebanon street, an attractive and modernly furnished home which is noted for its good cheer and hospitality to the many friends of himself and wife.

Mr. Heath has done much for the general upbuilding of Lebanon, whose interests he has at heart. He is deserving of the large success which has come to him unaided, for he forged his way to the front from an environment that would have been too discouraging to many to have attempted to overcome. He has shown himself to be a man of indomitable will and perseverance. His long and loyal work for the Republican party is much appreciated by party-leaders, for since casting his first vote for General Grant in 1872 to the present he has been faithful in his work for the party, of which he is the recognized leader in Boone county. He is a plain, unassuming gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet, a good mixer, genial and obliging.

## WILLIAM J. SANFORD.

William J. Sanford, son of George and Martha Sanford, was born near Shannondale, Montgomery county, Indiana, April 11, 1863. He received his early education in the district schools and was graduated at Shannondale, receiving the highest grades of any graduate that year in Montgomery county. His manuscript was considered a model of neatness and accuracy and was sent by the county superintendent to educational exhibits at Madison, Wisconsin and New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Sanford received his higher education in the State Normal and local normals at Ladoga, Darlington and New Ross. He was actively engaged in teaching for a quarter of a century in the rural schools of Boone and Montgomery counties and in local normals and high schools, making an enviable reputation as a teacher.

In April, 1891, he was married to Jennie Mahorney, who was a teacher. To this union two children were born: Juanita and Ozeta. Ozeta departed from this life in early childhood. Juanita was graduated from the district schools and the Lebanon high school and at present is a student in her junior year at the State University at Bloomington.

In recent years, Mr. Sanford has given much thought and attention to the improvement of grain and live stock. His ability is recognized as a corn judge and a number of times he has been called upon to officiate as judge in corn shows and placing awards at county fairs. Within the last decade, the subject of this sketch, in conjunction with his ideal farming, has given intense interest to the improvement of the Hampshire breed of hogs and the blood lines in his herd is now known throughout the United States. Mr. Sanford was one of the promoters of the Central Indiana Fanciers' Association and served it officially as vice-president and later as treasurer. He is thorough in everything that he undertakes and is known as one of the leading and practical farmers of central Indiana. His theory is that "the best is none too good." He specializes in raising Reid's Improved Yellow Dent Corn, Kharkov and Red Wave Wheat and Mammoth Cluster and Great Dane Oats.

Mr. Sanford was the efficient secretary of the Boone County Agricultural Association for years and during his period of service the association enjoyed great prosperity. For two years he conducted the Boone County

Farmers' Institute, much to his credit. He organized the Boone County Boys' Corn Club and was for several years its president. He is at the present time the president of the Boone County Co-operative Horse Thief Detective Association, which organization is accomplishing much good.

Mr. Sanford is a member of the Central Christian church in Lebanon and is a Knight and an Odd Fellow. He takes an active interest in all things that stand for the betterment of society. He is a member of a large family of Democrats and he himself is a Democrat.

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#### EDNA ANNA CHILSON.

Edna Anna Chilson (nee Hill), was born October 10, 1881, on a farm one mile northwest of Thorntown, Indiana. She attended school at Sugar Plain and graduated from Thorntown high school in the year 1901. She had a birthright membership in the Friends church. In May of 1901 she moved, with her parents, to Guthrie, Oklahoma. She was always of a religious turn of mind and during a revival service in Guthrie she received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and dedicated her life to missionary service in Africa. She soon afterward entered the Friends Bible Training School at Cleveland, Ohio, to prepare for the work. Here she met Arthur B. Chilson, to whom she was married on March 6, 1906. In April they sailed for Africa to engage in the service of the Master in the spread of the gospel in Dark Kavirondo, where they have since resided. To this union two daughters were born, Esther, who is now six years old, and Rachel, who is four years old. In 1912, both she and her husband being in broken health from strenuous overwork, they returned to this country on a furlough and have spent the time visiting yearly meetings in most of the various states, and they have aroused a deep interest in missions in general and Africa in particular. The response to appeals for funds has been twenty-two thousand dollars in cash and subscriptions for Africa. Colonel Roosevelt visited their mission while on his African tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Chilson and daughters, in September, 1914, started on their return trip to Africa, that they might continue their good work.

## RILEY COLGROVE.

Riley Colgrove, deceased, was one of the esteemed pioneer farmers of Boone county and sprang from an honored old English ancestry, the family having come to America as early as 1690. A part of his genealogical record is lost, but sufficient is known to trace the family back to his grandfather, William Colgrove. Francis Colgrove, son of William and father of Riley, was born in the state of New York, married Elizabeth Hager on February 14, 1811, and became the father of nine children, namely: John, Nancy, Jane, Permelia, Francis, Charles, Charity, Riley and Melissa, all of whom, with the exception of Charles, who died when twelve years old, lived to become heads of families. Francis Colgrove settled in Kentucky in his early married life and for some years followed farming. He early moved to southern Indiana, thence to Clinton county in 1835, where he died April of the following year. Elizabeth (Hager) Colgrove was descended paternally from Dutch ancestors. Her grandfather settled at Hagerstown, Maryland, in a very early day, and there leased a large tract of land, a part of which is now occupied by the site of that city. This lease was for a term of ninety-nine years and was written in German, but the record disappeared many years ago and was never recovered. The relatives of Elizabeth Colgrove settled in New York, and the name is still to be met with in various parts of the state. John Colgrove, eldest brother of Riley, enlisted at Paducah, Kentucky, in 1835 to engage in the war between Texas and Mexico. He took part in the bloody battle of Alamo and with the rest of the ill-fated garrison fell a victim to Mexican hatred. James Colgrove was born in 1814 in New York, moved to Indiana in 1860 and was elected sheriff of Tippecanoe county, but died before the expiration of his second term. Francis Colgrove was a carpenter and farmer and died in Missouri, January, 1893. Nancy Colgrove married James P. Wilson, a farmer and carpenter, and died at LaFayette, Indiana, leaving two children, Jane and Ann. Charles Warner, president of the LaFayette Savings Bank, married Jane Wilson, who, though blessed with property and position, is totally blind and lives in perpetual night. Ann Wilson is the wife of Albert Campbell, a prominent hardware dealer of the city of LaFayette.

Riley Colgrove was born on December 17, 1826, in Kentucky. He

emigrated to southern Indiana about 1828, and there remained until the fall of 1835, when he moved to Clinton county. He resided in the county of Clinton until 1846, in June of which year he enlisted for the Mexican war. There being no company from Clinton county, Mr. Colgrove went from Carroll county in Company C. First Regiment Indiana volunteers, under Capt. Robert H. Milroy. Mr. Colgrove was mustered out of the service in the city of New Orleans in June, 1847. He joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of LaFayette, Indiana, about 1852, and filled all the chairs of both the subordinate lodge and encampment. Mr. Colgrove began business as a cooper, which trade he followed until his election as sheriff of Boone county, in 1858. He was re-elected to the same position in 1860, and after filling the office with honor to himself and satisfaction to the public, he retired to private life on a farm in Clinton township. Mr. Colgrove was a man highly respected as a citizen and was pointed to with pride by his neighbors and friends as an example of industry and integrity. Lucinda Newport, the wife of Riley Colgrove, was born in Warren county, Ohio, December 8, 1830, and on the seventeenth of June, 1850, was married to Riley Colgrove at LaFayette, Indiana. This marriage was blessed with six children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Asbury W., December 1, 1850; Charles B., June 26, 1852; William A., January 20, 1854; Albert F., July 1, 1856; Frank N., May 15, 1859; Carrie, May 2, 1864. The death of Riley Colgrove took place August 19, 1894.

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#### EDGAR M. SERVIES.

Among Indiana educators, Edgar M. Servies, superintendent of the schools of Boone county, occupies a place in the front rank. He was the son of John Pilcher and Rhoda E. (Strange) Servies, both natives of Indiana, the former having been born near New Market and the latter near Danville. Both are now deceased, the father dying at Advance and the mother at Browns Valley. The paternal grandparents of our subject, Anderson and Liza Ann (Pilcher) Servies, were natives of the Blue Grass state and came to the Hoosier state in early years. They both died near New Market, Indiana. The maternal grandparents, John and Harriet (Eubanks) Strange, were both

born in Kentucky and in early life removed to Indiana where they passed the remainder of their lives, the grandfather dying near Danville and the grandmother at Advance.

The subject of this sketch was born near Advance, Boone county, Indiana, and was reared to manhood in his native county and graduated from the common schools of Jackson township. He was a graduate of the Indiana State Normal in 1899, after which he spent one year at Wabash and in 1910 received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Indiana State Normal. With the exception of four years which were spent as clerk in the office of the superintendent of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company at Brazil, Indiana, his time has been spent continuously in school work. He taught four years in the district schools of Jackson township, four years as principal and superintendent at Advance and six years as superintendent at Jamestown. In June, 1911, Mr. Servies was elected county superintendent of Boone county and is proving himself a school man of marked ability. He has constantly raised the standard of teaching in his county year by year and is a fine organizer and has enlisted the aid of teachers and school trustees to that degree that great unanimity of action has resulted in building up a fine school spirit.

Mr. Servies was married to Bessie A. Staley, of Terre Haute, Indiana, a daughter of Joseph M. and C. Elizabeth (St. Clair) Staley. The father of Mrs. Servies was born at Wheeling, West Virginia and was a captain in the Civil war. He was the son of John and Sophia (Myers) Staley, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former dying at Terre Haute and the latter in Wheeling, West Virginia. C. Elizabeth (St. Clair) Staley, the mother of our subject's wife, was born near Zanesville, Ohio, and was the daughter of James B. and Cassie (McVey) St. Clair. The father, James B., was born in Ohio, where he spent all his life, dying in the same state, while Cassie St. Clair, the mother, was born in Pennsylvania and died in Terre Haute, Indiana. Both the father and mother of Mrs. Servies are residents of Terre Haute, Indiana.

One son, George Wayne, has been born to the union of our subject and wife and his birth occurred in January, 1900. Mr. Servies, fraternally, is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men.

In his community where he is best known, he is highly esteemed as a man of fine ability in educational work, public-spirited as to all matters per-

taining to his city, county and state, and ever alert to their best interests. He is a generous neighbor and a loyal friend and it would be a source of great pleasure to a host of his fellow citizens to see him advance to higher stations of preferment in his chosen field of labor.

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#### AMERICUS C. DAILY.

Americus C. Daily, for years a prominent business man of Lebanon, Boone county, Indiana, and a well-known politician whose reputation was state wide, was the descendant of an old and well-known family of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and sprung from the sterling Scotch-Irish stock which added so much character to the early history of the Keystone state. His great-grandfather, David Daily, a native of the north of Ireland, came to America in company with two brothers in the time of the colonies. He was a patriot in the war of Independence, throughout which he served with distinction. One of his brothers settled in Virginia, the other in Montreal, Canada, and both became widely and favorably known in their respective localities. David Daily, grandfather of Americus C., was for some years a farmer of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, in which state he married Elizabeth Overfield, a member of a distinguished family, and reared ten children. He was a pioneer of Ohio, moving to Miami county, that state, as early as 1816, and resided there until 1833, at which time he came to Boone county, Indiana, locating near Thorntown, where his death occurred in 1860, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. Charles Daily, son of the above and father of Americus C., was born December 23, 1810, in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and by occupation was a harness maker, which calling he followed at various places for a period of twenty-five years. He married in Clark county, Ohio, Mary Hay, daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Johnson) Hay, and became the father of six children, the following being their names: Benjamin O., who was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana; Americus C., Henry H., Samuel R., Charles O. and David H., who were born in New Carlisle, Ohio. It is a fact worthy of note that no death occurred in the family of Mr. Daily or in any of the families of his children until he had been married over sixty years. Charles Daily became a resident of Boone county, Indiana, in 1880 and re-

tired from active life about the same year in very comfortable circumstances. Financially, he met with most encouraging success, was for many years a class leader in the Methodist church and died ripe in years and full of honors at Lebanon, November 2, 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-three. The chief characteristics of this most excellent man were strict integrity, a high sense of honor and a retiring disposition, and he is remembered as a great lover of his home and family. Mrs. Daily was in every respect a fit companion and helpmate of such a husband and followed in his footsteps a few years later.

Americus C. Daily, the principal facts of whose life are herewith set forth, was born March 10, 1835, in New Carlisle, Ohio, in the schools of which place he received his elementary education. Later he pursued his studies for some years in the Linden Hill Academy, where he obtained a knowledge of the higher branches of learning under the instruction of Prof. Thomas Harrison, A. M., D. D., a noted educator of Ohio, formerly assistant editor of the Western Christian Advocate, and subsequently president of Moores Hill college. The following notice of Mr. Daily, given without solicitation by Professor Harrison, was indeed a most flattering testimonial to the young man's assiduity and worth as a student: "Over thirty years ago, while I was principal of Linden Hill Academy in Ohio, Mr. A. C. Daily was a student of the institution. His parents were upright and industrious citizens and he early learned from them the importance and advantage of a correct life. Too much can not be said of his many excellent qualities. As a student he had a strong, clear and vigorous intellect, and he readily grasped the various branches of knowledge he studied. His industry and perseverance were unceasing. His moral character was without a blemish. He was always respectful to his instructors and obedient to the regulations of the institution. He was kind and obliging to his fellow-students, and among them was a universal favorite. His parents assisted him in obtaining an education and he faithfully co-operated with them in the great work."

In 1855, when twenty years of age, Mr. Daily came to Boone county, Indiana, and accepted the position of deputy county treasurer under his uncle, John C. Daily, in which capacity he continued until the expiration of the latter's term of office, when he became clerk in the auditor's office, discharging the duties of the same until 1860. In that year he was appointed clerk

of the Boone county circuit court to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of Henry Shannon, and in 1861 was elected trustee of Center township. In 1862, Mr. Daily was complimented by being elected to the office of county auditor, the duties of which position he discharged in a manner highly creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituency for one term, and in 1867, in partnership with Judge L. C. Daugherty and Maj. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, organized the Lebanon Bank, a private institution, which from the beginning had the confidence of the people and proved highly successful. In 1882 the bank was reorganized as the Lebanon National bank, with A. C. Daily as president; Levi Lane, vice-president, and Samuel S. Daily, cashier; the capital stock at that time being \$60,000.

Mr. Daily was public spirited in all the term implies and was untiring in his efforts toward building up the city of Lebanon and developing the resources of Boone county. For six consecutive years he was secretary of the Boone County Agricultural Society, much of the success of which is due to his executive ability and he was always liberal with his means in the promotion of any and all enterprises having for their object the moral and material well being of the community. For some years he was treasurer of the Indiana Trotting and Pacing Horse Dealers' Association, a state organization.

Fraternally, Mr. Daily was a Mason of the thirty-second degree and also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both subordinate lodge and encampment, in the former of which he held every official position. He was a member of the grand lodge of the state and was honored by being chosen to represent Indiana in the Sovereign grand lodge at Topeka, Kansas, in 1890, and in St. Louis in 1891. It will thus be seen that Mr. Daily's life was one of great activity; his official and business career was without the slightest taint of suspicion and he stood deservedly high among the people of Boone county, who learned to respect him for his integrity and other excellent traits of character. Mr. Daily was a Republican in politics and as such was untiring in his efforts to promote the interests of his party in Boone county and throughout the state. In April, 1894, he was nominated for the office of auditor of the state and in the November following was triumphantly elected by a state plurality of forty-four thousand seven hundred seventy-three, his majority in his own county of Boone being one hundred and fifty-eight ahead of his ticket, showing him to be a prime favorite. In 1896 he

succeeded himself with a favorable majority. For this position his abilities eminently fitted him and in this connection it is proper to quote from the note of Professor Harrison, to which reference was made in a preceding paragraph, relative to his ability to fill positions of trust, in the event of his election: "That he has succeeded so admirably as a noble American citizen is only what may be expected. To whatever position the votes of the people may elevate him, he will most assuredly fill with the highest credit."

Mr. Daily married Maggie F. McCorkle, daughter of Solomon and Ruth Culver McCorkle, of Champaign county, Ohio, and two children were born to this union, Charles E. and Blanche. Mrs. Daily was a member of the Methodist church and Mr. Daily held for years the position of trustee in the Lebanon congregation. He died June 4, 1907.

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#### FRANK PETRY.

It is often the case that when new blood is infused into the affairs of a community a vast improvement is noticed. Old blood is slow and cold; young blood is warm and active and the results very often surpass expectation. It is true that people should not for trivial causes turn down the old because it is old and no other objection lying against it. Neither should the new be adopted merely because it is new. All that can be stated with certainty is that young blood in any old method of doing business is almost certain to bring about good and lasting results. While Boone county has seen many white-haired men active and capable, whose experience and advice, wise counsel and cautious procedure have ever been of inestimable value in her affairs, it has, nevertheless, been the young men who have redeemed it from the wilderness and made it what it is today, one of the foremost sections in the great Hoosier state.

One of the successful young business men of Zionsville, this county, is Frank Petry, station agent on the interurban line here. He was born in Zionsville, Indiana, March 7, 1890, and is a son of William Petry, who has been a well-known citizen in this locality for many years. He is a tinner by trade and holds a good position with the Huzzy and Huzzy Hardware Company of Zionsville. He married Nora Ross, who was born in Shelby

county, Indiana. They have four children, Frank of this sketch is the oldest; Ruth Hendrix, Lee and John, the two latter being in school.

Frank Petry grew up in his native town and received a good public school education. He is an excellent penman and quick calculator. He was employed for three or four years by a stock man near Rosefield. In May, 1913, he accepted a position as agent at Zionsville for the interurban company, is also agent for the United States Express Company here. He is giving his employers eminent satisfaction, being uniformly courteous, energetic, reliable and sober.

On September 10, 1913, Mr. Petry married Opal L. Fulweider, who was born, reared and educated in this locality. Her father is deceased, but her mother, Mrs. Emma J. Fulweider, is living in Zionsville.

Politically, Mr. Petry is a Democrat. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men in Zionsville.

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#### WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, M. D.

The medical profession of Boone county has an able representative in the person of Dr. William H. Williams, of Lebanon. He has always been a close student and having availed himself of every opportunity to widen the area of his professional knowledge and make him efficient in practice, it is not at all surprising that his advancement has been rapid and satisfactory and that he now holds such a high and honorable place among the leading physicians and surgeons in a field long noted for the high order of its medical talent. He is widely and favorably known as a general practitioner, and he has met in the course of his career most of the eminent men of his profession in Indiana and not a few of national and international repute, being on familiar terms with a number of the distinguished leaders of medical thought and participating in their deliberations, and, ever a keen observer and a man of plastic mind he assimilates knowledge readily, thus keeping fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to his calling.

Dr. Williams was born September 2, 1868, on a farm near Clarksville, Hamilton county, Indiana. He is a son of James L. and Susan (Stern) Williams, both natives of Ohio, the Williamses having come originally from

Maryland to Muskingum county in pioneer days, later removing to Hamilton county, Indiana. The Stern family came from Pennsylvania to Hamilton county and there the parents of our subject were married, the father spending the rest of his life engaged in farming, dying in 1905, but the mother is still living.

Dr. Williams was reared on the home farm, and he received his early education in the common schools, later attended the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana. At the age of twenty-one years he began life for himself as a teacher in the district schools of Hamilton county, which vocation he followed five years, and although he was making a success as a teacher, he believed that the medical profession held greater honors for him and he accordingly began preparing for the same, and entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis from which he was graduated March 31, 1897, soon afterwards beginning practice in the town of Fowler, where he remained three years, then took a post-graduate course in Chicago, also in New York and Boston, and thus well equipped for his more serious life work he came to Lebanon in 1900 and has been here ever since, and has become one of the leading men in his profession in Boone county, enjoying an extensive and evergrowing practice. He made a specialty of surgery in his post-graduate work and has been very successful as a surgeon in connection with his work as a general practitioner. There being no hospital in Boone county and the need of one being imperative, Dr. Williams set about to establish one of which the community might justly be proud, and in February, 1908, his dreams took tangible form when he organized a hospital under the name of The Williams Hospital, with doors open to all reputable physicians and surgeons for the treatment of patients, and he established a training school for nurses, embracing a modern three years' course, as outlined in the Nurses' State Association. The graduates of this school have all passed the state examinations and are on the same footing as graduates from other similar institutions of Indiana. The hospital is up-to-date in all its equipment and management and has been a pronounced success from the first, and has proven to be an institution of great benefit to this locality. It is the first and only hospital with training school ever established in Boone county. Twelve patients may be accommodated here at a time, and the hospital is usually full.

Dr. Williams is a member of the county, state and national medical associations, also the Mississippi Valley Medical Association and the Clinical

Congress of Surgeons of North America, an organization where merit counts. He has been president of the Boone County Medical Association, and for the past three years has been councilor of the ninth district of the Indiana State Medical Association. He is frequently on the program of the meetings of the State Medical Association, also often called upon to read papers before various county medical societies.

Dr. Williams was married March 31, 1891, to Cora C. Morgan, a daughter of Edwin and Amy Morgan, of Hamilton county, where Mrs. Williams grew to womanhood and was educated. To our subject and wife one child was born, that died in infancy. Dr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the Christian church, and stand high in the best circles of Lebanon. The Doctor is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, for he is a self-made man, having won his own way up from an humble beginning. He is owner of valuable farming lands and has stock in several financial institutions and is one of our substantial citizens.

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#### JACOB PERKINS.

To attain a worthy citizenship by a life that is always honored and respected even from childhood deserves more than mere mention. It is no easy task to resist the many temptations of youth and plant a character in the minds and hearts of associates that will remain an unstained figure for all time. One may take his place in public life through a sheer vigorous stroke of public policy, and even remain in the hearts of friends and neighbors, but to take the same position by dint of the practice of an upright life and without a craving for exaltation and popularity, is worthy of the highest praise and commendation. The late Jacob Perkins, one of the sturdy pioneer business men of Lebanon, who was well known throughout Boone county for many years, was a man respected and honored, not because of the vigorous training of any special talents, but because of his daily life, which was above criticism. Strong and forceful in his relations with his fellow men, he not only made his presence felt, but also gained the good will of both his associates and the general public, ever retaining his reputation among men for integrity and high character, no matter how trying the circumstances, and never losing

that dignity which is the true birthright of the model gentleman. Consequently Mr. Perkins' influence for good in the upbuilding of Lebanon and vicinity was of no little factor, and it still continues, although the material man has been engulfed in "the inevitable hour," which awaits all that is mortal, and he will long be sadly missed from the various circles in which he moved.

Mr. Perkins was born in Rush county, Indiana, December 22, 1816. He was a son of Jehu and Elizabeth Perkins, and he grew to manhood and received his education in his native community. In 1838 the family came to Boone county and settled in the woods, clearing and developing a farm by industry and perseverance. Our subject began life as a farmer, which he continued until 1853 when he moved to Lebanon and opened a tavern, which he operated about ten years, his hotel being popular with the traveling public. He then resumed farming, which he followed the rest of his life.

Jacob Perkins was married about 1832 to Eliza McIlwaine, who was born August 1, 1816, who proved a worthy helpmeet in every respect and shared the trials of pioneer life and here aided to rear their family and passed to her reward several years prior to her husband's death.

Jacob Perkins was first a Whig, later a Douglas Democrat in politics. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Sons of Temperance and was a member of the Baptist church. The death of Mr. Perkins occurred in 1881.

What was said in the opening paragraph of this article was equally applicable to Jacob Anderson Bechtell, also now deceased. He was born at Bellbrake, Ohio, April 9, 1834, and was a son of William and Nancy (Daugherty) Bechtell. He grew to manhood in his native community and there received such educational advantages as the pioneer schools afforded, and in 1855 he came to Boone county and followed cabinet making, in which he was an expert workman, until his death. He also engaged in undertaking, being the first undertaker in Lebanon. In this enterprise he was assisted by his wife, who proved to be very efficient. He designed and made his first hearse. He was successful as a business man and owned considerable valuable property at his death, which occurred February 28, 1895. Politically, he was a Republican. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in religious matters was a Methodist.

Mr. Bechtell was married December 16, 1858, to Evaline A. Perkins.

who was born July 4, 1838, a daughter of Jacob and Eliza (McIlwaine) Perkins, early settlers of Boone county. To Mr. and Mrs. Bechtell the following children were born: Frank, whose birth occurred May 31, 1860, died in 1900; Nettie, born July 20, 1862, is the widow of John Welch; Nellie, born November 15, 1867, is at home; Lettie, born January 27, 1872, is the wife of Len Titus of Lebanon; Katie, born September 20, 1874, is the wife of C. Norwood, of Indianapolis; William W., born August 2, 1865, died December 18, 1910; Fred, born July 16, 1880, lives in Springfield, Illinois.

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#### DR. A. F. NELSON.

The most elaborate history is perforce a merciless abridgment, the historian being obliged to select his facts and materials from manifold details and to marshal them in concise and logical order. This applies to specific as well as generic history, and in the former category is included the interesting and important department of biography. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of interesting situations and incidents, and in summing up such a career as that of Dr. A. F. Nelson, skilled and widely known veterinary physician, the writer must need touch only on the more salient facts, giving the keynote of the character and eliminating all that is superfluous to the continuity of the narrative. The gentleman whose name appears above has led an active and useful life, not entirely void of the exciting, but the more prominent have been so identified with the useful and practical that it is to them almost entirely that the writer refers in the following paragraphs.

Dr. Nelson was born March 15, 1869, in Boone county, Indiana. He is a son of Thomas J. and America Alice (Leak) Nelson. The father was born in Jackson township, this county, in 1838, and here he has devoted his life to farming and is still residing. His wife, who was a native of Hendricks county, Indiana, died when our subject was ten years old, he being the eldest of four children; the other three were named Odelia A., Ondis A. and Amanda Eldora.

John H. Nelson, the paternal grandfather, was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, which at that time was the home of Indians, who were then besieging the white settlers, and a brother of John H. Nelson was killed and scalped at the age of thirteen years, after the siege had been apparently

raised. John H. and his brother Whitson finally left the "dark and bloody ground country" and came to Indiana, locating, first, near Greencastle, later removing to Boone county, locating in Jackson township, but Whitson established his permanent home in Marion county. Thus the Nelsons were among the early settlers in this locality and the name has been a familiar one for three-quarters of a century throughout this section of the state. To John H. and Mary Nelson four sons were born, namely: Jesse, Andrew, Thomas and John, also five daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Heath, Mrs. Bathsheba Davidson, Mrs. Nancy Chavers, Mrs. Patsy Coombs, and Mrs. Julia Wall. Only three of this family survive at this writing, Thomas J., father of our subject; Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Chavers. John H. Nelson was a prominent man in this locality in the early days, and he at one time was representative from Boone county to the state legislature one term. He rode to the state capital on horseback, accompanied by G. W. Gibson, at that time a noted Indiana politician.

Thomas J. Nelson and America Alice Leak were married in June, 1868, and to them four children were born, namely: Amos F., subject of this sketch; Odelia A., now the widow of George H. Scott; Ondis A. was next in order; and Amanda Eldora, now Mrs. George Keaney. The death of the mother of the above named children occurred in December, 1879, and the father never remarried. His children were reared in different families. Amos F. went to live with his grandfather Lawrence Leak, with whom he remained until the latter's death. Shortly afterward he began working out and attending the public schools during the winter. He had a stanch friend in George K. Isley with whom our subject made his home during school days.

A. F. Nelson was married to Lenora E. Patterson, in March, 1888. She is a daughter of John B. and Hannah E. (Spohr) Patterson. These parents were from Montgomery county, Indiana, and are still living on a farm in Boone county, where they have ever been highly respected. To our subject and wife one child has been born, Elsie Fern Nelson, whose birth occurred June 9, 1889, and who was called from earthly scenes on October 27, 1896.

Dr. A. F. Nelson entered Chicago Veterinary College in the fall of 1899, later entered the Indiana Veterinary College in Indianapolis, from which he was graduated April 1, 1901, and in the fall of that year he re-entered Chicago Veterinary College, and was graduated from there in April, 1902. He

successfully passed the civil service examination for veterinary inspector in the Bureau of Animal Industry, in June, 1902, and was appointed to this position on October 1st following. He gave eminent satisfaction in every respect, proving to be one of the most able and faithful men in the service, but after a year and a half of this work he resigned and located at Lebanon, Indiana, where he has since maintained an office and is enjoying a lucrative and constantly growing business, and he now ranks as one of the leading veterinarians in the state. For the past five years he has filled the chairs of clinical medicine and meat inspection at the Indiana Veterinary College in a manner that has reflected much credit upon his ability and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. For the past two years he has been secretary of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, and was appointed state veterinarian by Gov. Samuel M. Ralston, March 25, 1913. He has discharged the duties of this important office in a manner that has proven the wisdom of the governor in his selection.

Politically, Dr. Nelson has been loyal to the Democratic party since reaching his majority. However he has never been an office seeker, but he was elected a member of the city council of Lebanon, and served from January 1, 1910, to March 25, 1913, during which time he did much for the general improvement of the city, especially the second ward, which he represented.

Dr. Nelson is an assiduous student and keeps fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to his work. He is an obliging, unassuming and companionable gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

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#### MARTIN LEWIS.

It would be interesting to make a list of the old settlers of Boone county and to note what a large percentage of them came originally from North Carolina. Certainly no state in the South has done so much for us, having sent her best blood into the wilderness of the Hoosier state to clear it up and make room for advancing civilization. That they have done their work well goes without saying, and to be convinced of this one has only to take a cursory glance over the fertile, well developed farms of the county, and at our splendid public buildings, for, while laboring for their own advancement, they

have also helped the public enterprises in a general way. One of these honored and venerable citizens, hailing from the Tar state, is Martin Lewis, a veteran of the great war of a half century ago and a man who can furnish much valuable and interesting information on the changes that have taken place in the land during the past three-quarters of a century, which, as all know, embraces the principal epoch, not only in the affairs of America, but of the world as well. This splendid old patriarch of Israel has passed his four score years, and yet, having lived such a wholesome and industrious life, clean and honorable in every respect, he finds himself enjoying tolerable health and now as the twilight shadows gather softly about him he finds himself in the midst of plenty as a result of his earlier years of strenuous effort, and he can look backward with no qualms of conscience and forward with no fear.

Mr. Lewis was born in Stokes county, North Carolina, in 1821. He is a son of Daniel Lewis, whose father was a native of Germany. The mother of our subject was Frances Myers before her marriage, and she too, was a native of Stokes county, North Carolina. The great grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was killed by an Indian spy, who wore a hog skin, thus being mistaken for a hog. Great-grandfather Myers was also a German. Daniel Lewis brought his family to Indiana overland, the journey requiring six weeks, and here he started life in a log cabin, like the rest of the pioneers, including Jacob Myers, who came at that period also. The former developed a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. His family consisted of nine children, namely: Mrs. Martha Anderson, Elizabeth is deceased; Nancy lives in Oklahoma; Martha lives near Royalton in Union township; John W. lives in Indianapolis; William died in that city; Mamie; Felix died when seventy-eight years old; and Martin of this review. The father of the above named children died at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother died when eighty years old.

Martin Lewis was reared amid pioneer surroundings and he helped clear and develop the home farm, split rails and did such other hard work as fell to his lot. He received a meager education in the old time subscription schools, taught in log houses, with puncheon floor, open fire-place and greased paper for window panes. He was married in 1860 to Serena Causel, who has proved to be a faithful helpmeet for over a half century. She was born in

Union county, Indiana, in 1841. Her people were early settlers in the above named county and there she grew to womanhood and received the usual education of those early days. Her father, S. Causel, was a native of Kentucky.

Mr. Lewis has lived a very active life and from being frugal and industrious has laid by a competence. In the fall of 1864 he enlisted in Company A, which formed a part of Colonel Gregory's regiment, and saw active service in Georgia and Tennessee, being mustered out at Nashville at the close of the war. He returned home and lived on a farm near Zionsville, but has lived a retired life for years, enjoying his old-time friends and the coming and going of his children. It is a well known fact that the latch string at his place hangs on the outside and genuine old-time hospitality is enjoyed within.

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#### JAMES WILLIAM BATTERTON.

There is no class of men of whom the biographer likes to write about more than the old soldier or the pioneer and when he finds a subject who is both he feels that he cannot say too much of such a character, for it took bravery, fortitude, and many of the best elements that go to make a man to induce the youth to leave the old home and go to the seat of conflict and risk his life for his country's sake. Indeed, it took but little less courage for him to brave the wilderness, where lurked many an unseen foe and still more obstacles and hardships awaiting to be subdued before his humble home could rise and he could get established in a way that would insure his happiness and freedom from want through the years to come. It is doubtful if the young men of today, we of the second generation at least, would leave the pleasures of advanced civilization and go out to fight Indians, kill the snakes, cut down the giant forest trees, drain the swamps and do a thousand and one things that this worthy band had to do.

Mr. Batterton was born June 11, 1832, near Richmond, Madison county, Kentucky. He is a son of Gabriel and Mary (Karr) Batterton, both natives of the Blue Grass state also, the date of the father's birth being March 4, 1803, and that of the mother, March 2, 1808. They grew to maturity in their native locality and there were married, and continued to reside until 1832, when they removed with our subject, then an infant, to Shelby county,

Indiana, arriving there on October 10th. There the parents established their home in the wilderness, cleared and developed a farm and endured the hardships incident to pioneer life, and there they remained until 1848 when they removed to Tipton county, where they spent the rest of their lives on a farm, the death of the father occurring about 1873 and the mother passed away about three years later. They were the parents of five children, only one of whom, James W., of this sketch, who was the third in order of birth is still living; the two eldest children were Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher and Jeremiah; and the two youngest were Martha and Priscilla.

James W. Batterton grew to manhood amid pioneer environments and he worked hard when a boy assisting his father with the general work of clearing and raising crops. He received a meager education in the old time log school house in his neighborhood in Shelby county. On July 28, 1862, he enlisted in Company B. Seventy-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Montgomery. He first went to Indianapolis, thence to Louisville, and he later saw much hard service, including the great battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain and those of the memorable Atlanta campaign. He was in the Fourteenth Army Corps under General George M. Thomas, later was with Sherman in his march to the sea. His left arm was badly injured by a cannon ball, and he was sent to the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, where his wife came and nursed him and saved his life. After his release from the hospital he was unfit for further service and was honorably discharged, May 21, 1865. He proved to be a faithful and gallant soldier, according to his comrades.

After his military career Mr. Batterton located in Clinton county, Indiana and turned his attention to farming, where he remained until his removal to Owen county, where he engaged in the mercantile business until 1882, when he came to Boone county, locating in Lebanon on the lot where he still resides, the said lot being sixty-two by one hundred and twenty-three feet, and on it now stands two good houses, one of which is kept rented, the other cozy and well kept dwelling is the home of our subject. After locating in this city he turned his attention to carpentering, which he followed for many years, becoming a very skilled workman, but he is now living retired.

Mr. Batterton was married June 14, 1853, to Lucinda Cooper, in Tipton county. She was born June 9, 1834, in Rush county, Indiana, and is a daugh-

ter of John and Jane (King) Cooper. She grew to womanhood in her native community and received a common school education.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Batterton, namely: Jeremiah, born April 16, 1854; Mary J., born November 25, 1855; Emma A., born August 29, 1858, is deceased; Charles S., born January 23, 1861, is deceased; and Jessie M., born February 4, 1871.

Politically, Mr. Batterton is a Progressive. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic post at Lebanon, and fraternally is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Religiously, he belongs to the Baptist church, in which he has been a deacon for forty years, and he assisted in building the new church edifice in Lebanon, in fact, has long been one of the pillars in this church.

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#### JAMES MONROE NICELY.

It is signally consonant that in this work be incorporated at least a brief resume of the life and labors of James Monroe Nicely, who has long ranked with the leading agriculturists and influential citizens of Boone county, where he has spent practically all of his industrious, useful and honorable life, being a connecting link between the present and the pioneer period in which he spent his childhood and of which he has many interesting reminiscences. Through his public-spirit and loyal efforts the village of Jamestown and surrounding locality have reaped lasting benefits. He is a man of exceptional foresight and is progressive in his business ideas, a man of forceful individuality and marked initiative power, he has been well equipped for the larger duties of life and for leadership in his community, while his probity of character and his genial personality, obliging nature and every-day common sense have won and retained a very wide circle of friends.

Mr. Nicely was born on February 3, 1849, and is a son of Abram and Ann (Sanderson) Nicely, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Indiana. Abram Nicely was left an orphan in early life and when young he left his native county and came to Boone county, Indiana, making his home with Isaac Shelly, with whom he remained a number of years, obtaining a limited education in the common schools the meanwhile. He and Ann Sanderson were married in Wayne county, this state, and resided there a few

years, removing to Boone county in 1852, and here bought one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township, where they lived in true pioneer style in a log house. This land Abram Nicely cleared and developed into a good farm and in due course of time his log cabin was replaced by a substantial and commodious residence, built in 1862-3 and which is still standing and in excellent repair. He was a man of industry and good judgment and he prospered through his close application and good management until he became owner of one of the finest farms in the township, consisting of four hundred and eighty acres, and here he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring July 16, 1893, his wife having preceded him to the grave in April, 1890. They were the parents of three children, namely: John S., who died when nineteen years of age; James Monroe of this sketch; and Margaret who married William Hostetter, who is deceased, and Mrs. Hostetter now lives in Lebanon, Indiana.

James M. Nicely grew to manhood on the home farm where he worked hard when a boy, remaining with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age. He secured a good education in the district schools and the Lebanon high school. In 1874 he married Mrs. Phronissa Hostetter, a native of Montgomery county, Indiana. Her death occurred in 1882. She was the mother of five children, namely: Roy S., born December 2, 1876, married Carrie Emmert, a native of Boone county; they lived on the old homestead in the house built by his grandfather in the early sixties; Wayne M., born in 1878, is a Methodist minister, having charge of a church at this writing at Darlington, Indiana; he married Myrtle Porter, May 2, 1906, a native of Boone county; Wayne M. Nicely received his early education at Jamestown and studied for the ministry at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, and was graduated from that institution in 1903. Not long thereafter he was ordained and was given charge of a church at Veedersburg, this state, where he preached one year, then was sent to Culver, Indiana, where he had charge of a church for three years, then preached at Newport, Vermilion county, this state, two years, and at Flackville, Indiana, for three years, and he came to Darlington in 1913 where he has since remained. He has given eminent satisfaction in all his charges, being an excellent worker in the church as well as a splendid preacher. He and his wife have one child, Wayne Paul Nicely, who was born February 12, 1907. Glen H. Nicely, the third child of James M. Nicely and wife, died in early life; two daughters also died in infancy, unnamed.

James M. Nicely remained on the farm with his father one year after

his marriage, then moved into the old log cabin on the homestead in 1876, which was on the place when his father purchased it and it is still standing. Our subject was successful from the first as a farmer for himself and he subsequently purchased eighty acres of good land across the road from the old homestead, in Section 34, Jackson township. This land had considerable timber on it but he cleared it and soon had it under cultivation. About 1880 he erected a fine residence and has since lived on his present place. He inherited much of his father's sagacity as a man of affairs as well as his energy and good taste, and he has prospered as has few of his contemporaries in the same vocation. He is now owner of some of the most productive and valuable farming lands in Boone county. He has two hundred and forty acres, all in Section 34, and also the old homestead consisting of an equal number of acres. He carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale and is a man of progressive ideas in reference not only to agriculture but in public affairs as well, and he is in every way deserving of the large success that has come to him through his industry and honest dealings and also of the high esteem in which he is universally held.

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#### WILLIAM H. HUTCHINSON.

Agriculture is the greatest among all the arts of man, as it is the first in supplying his necessities. It favors and strengthens population; it creates and maintains manufactures; gives employment to transportation companies and furnishes materials for commerce. It animates every species of industry, and opens to nations the safest channels of wealth. It is the strongest bond of well-regulated society, the surest basis of internal peace, and the natural associate of correct morals. Among all the occupations and professions of life, there is none more honorable, none more independent, and none more conducive to health and happiness. And we agree with the ancient bard who wrote, "In olden times the sacred plow employed the kings and fathers of mankind; and some with whom compared your insect tribes are but the beings of a summer's day, have held the scale of empire, ruled the storm of mighty war with unwearied hand, disdaining little delicacies, seized the plow

and greatly independent lived." One of the citizens of Boone county who has devoted his active life to agricultural pursuits and has made an independent living thereby is William H. Hutchinson, of Washington township.

He was born in Franklin county, Indiana, May 12, 1845. He is a son of John and Elizabeth Hutchinson, both parents natives of England where they spent their earlier years and from there emigrated to the United States and located on a farm in Franklin county, Indiana, where they established a comfortable home through their industry and there spent the rest of their lives, the father dying in 18— and the death of the mother occurred about 1883. Their family consisted of ten children, six still living, namely: William H., of this sketch; Charles E. makes his home in Franklin county; George W. lives in Jefferson township, Boone county; Mrs. Jane Heap lives in the state of Nebraska, Frank lives in Franklin county, and Mrs. Alice Curry lives in Jefferson township, this county. These children were all reared on the homestead in Franklin county, received common school educations and are all living on farms at this writing and are well situated in life.

William H. Hutchinson spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the rural schools of his community. He remained in his native county until 1870 when he came to Boone county, and purchased eighty acres of land two miles east of Thorntown, in Washington township, where he has since resided and during this period of forty-four years has made many important improvements in the place and has carried on general farming successfully and has a good home. He has built all his own outbuildings. He has increased his holdings until his farm now contains one hundred and sixty acres of fine land.

Mr. Hutchinson was married in Franklin county in 1864 to Martha Ann Beasley, who was born, reared and educated in that county. To this union the following children have been born, named as follows: Mrs. Susanna E. Stafford lives in Jamestown, Indiana; John W. is married and lives with his father; Frank is married and lives in Lebanon; Joseph W. is married and is practicing law in Indianapolis; Lydia A. is the wife of Fred Lewis, a farmer of Sugar Creek township, this county.

Politically Mr. Hutchinson is a Republican and he and his family attend the Presbyterian church.

## VALLANDINGHAM RIGGINS.

It is a well attested maxim that the greatness of the state lies not in the machinery of government or even in its institutions, but in the sterling qualities of its individual citizens, in their capacity for high and unselfish effort and their devotion to the public good. To this class belongs Vallandingham Riggins, successful farmer of Jefferson township, Boone county, a gentleman who has not only been industrious and public-spirited but who has also been actuated by the highest motives and lofty principles.

Mr. Riggins was born in Boone county, September 26, 1863. He is a son of Jesse and Manerva (Stewart) Riggins, the father a native of North Carolina, and the mother of Indiana, her parents being very early settlers of Montgomery county. The paternal grandparents, Richard and \_\_\_\_\_ (Marsh) Riggins, were natives of North Carolina, although no direct data to that effect can be obtained. Charles Riggins, the great-great-grandfather, emigrated from England to North Carolina. His wife was of French descent, and was a native of France. Grandfather Riggins came to Union county, Indiana, where he lived two years, then moved to Boone county in the early days. His son Jesse, was but one month old when brought to Indiana. The grandfather took up land in Jefferson township, and there established his future home and reared his family, and died on the land he improved, and here the father of our subject grew to manhood and remained at home until he was twenty-eight years of age. He received a meager education in the subscription schools. The clothing he wore in those days were woven and made by his mother. He was born October 26, 1833, and he and Manerva Stewart were married in 1861. She was a daughter of a pioneer, William and Rhoda Stewart, one of the early and well known families in this section of Indiana. The Stewarts were from Kentucky, and were descendants of the Stewarts of military fame. After their marriage the young couple worked a part of their father's farm in Boone county where they remained for about five years, then bought eighty acres in Jefferson township, where they resided a number of years, then bought and sold other land from time to time, always making a profit, and also succeeding as a general farmer, finally purchasing a farm near Shannondale, where Mr. Riggins now lives. Mr. Stewart attained the advanced age of eighty years. His wife died July 20, 1895, while living on the home farm in Jefferson

township. The Riggins have always been a prominent family here. Jesse Riggins died December 28, 1913.

To Jesse and Manerva Riggins were born a family of five children, who grew to maturity, namely: Vallandingham was the oldest; the others were. Charlotte May, born in 1865, married William Kipplinger, lives in Indianapolis, where she is in business; George P., born in 1867, married Henrietta Green, a native of Boone county and is a farmer near Shannondale, and they have three children, Alone, Manerva and Vane; Una Gertrude, born in 1871, married William Jones, superintendent of the Standard Oil Company's transportation department at Indianapolis, and they have one child, Jesse; Oliver was born in 1876, married Ethel Walton, a native of Boone county, and they are now living in Montgomery county on a farm. Two children born to our subject's parents died in infancy, James and Mary, thus making seven in all.

Vallandingham Riggins grew to manhood on the home farm and he received a good education in the local schools. He remained at home until he was thirty-three years old, working on the farm in the summer and teaching in the district schools during the winter months, also taught six years at Dover and four years at Shannondale. He ranked among the most popular teachers of the county and his services were in great demand. On April 15, 1896, he married Rosetta Booher, who was born November 26, 1865. She is a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Rebecca (Slyper) Booher, natives of Montgomery county. Our subject continued teaching two years after his marriage, then took up farming in section 31, on eighty acres in this township, where he still resides and which he now owns. He has made excellent improvement, including the erection of a modern residence in 1912-13. It is one of the most desirable homes in the township, is equipped with furnace, heated with hot and cold water and lighted with electricity. It is in the midst of attractive surroundings and everything denotes taste and thrift. It is on the traction line between Lebanon and Crawfordsville. His farm is well kept and under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Riggins is deserving of a great deal of credit for acquiring this valuable property through his individual efforts.

Two children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Joseph V., born March 1, 1903, and Robert K., born August 11, 1910.

Our subject and wife are members of the Bethel church at Shannondale, of which Mr. Riggins has been elder for a period of eighteen years.

and they are both active in church work. He was also superintendent of the Sunday school for a period of thirteen years, and he has taught one class for twenty-five years. Many of these members, young people when they joined the class, are still living and attending the class. Few have been more prominent in church and Sunday school work in this vicinity than our subject. Politically, he has followed in the footsteps of his father and is a loyal Democrat. Two of his uncles were soldiers in the Civil war. Benjamin Riggins died in the service and Isaac V. Riggins is living in Advance. Our subject has long been influential in local political matters, although he has never sought office. He was trustee of Jefferson township, having been elected in 1908. His term of office expired January 1, 1914.

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#### THE STATE BANK OF ADVANCE.

In these days of large commercial transactions, when credits cut a large factor in the daily round of business, the province of the banker is very wide and very important. The excellence of the banks of the present as compared with those of the past gives to all classes of business men first-class security for their deposits, assistance when they are in need of ready money to move their business, and a means of exchanging credits that could be accomplished in safety in no other way. In a large measure the success of the present time in all branches of business is largely the result of the present banking methods. It is quite common for the stockholders of the banks to be business men of prominence in the community, farmers, merchants, manufacturers and professional men, all of whom are known to the depositors and their standing well established. This gives stability to the bank and confidence to the community. Such is the confidence in the State Bank of Advance, the popular and substantial institution at Advance, Boone county.

It was established as a private bank many years ago, and was reorganized, a co-partnership, starting business October 2, 1901. The main organizers of the private company were W. J. DeVol, president; Thomas Shera, vice-president; and W. Ailes, cashier. The latter resigned in 1907, and was succeeded by H. C. Epperson, who is still ably discharging the duties of this position and who has done much to make the bank popular. Mr. Shera died

in 1910. The private company had a capital of ten thousand dollars, the shares being largely distributed among the patrons of the bank. The business of the bank grew so steadily and reached such large proportions that it became necessary to increase the capital stock to twenty-five thousand dollars on June 4, 1913, and organize it as a state bank, with the following officers: W. J. DeVol, of Lebanon, president; J. S. Wilden, of Advance, vice-president; and H. C. Epperson, cashier; Fred Thompson, assistant cashier. Since then the prestige and business of this splendid institution has increased more rapidly than ever until now it is one of the sound, conservative, safe and important banking houses in northern Indiana. Its home is in its own building, a modern, substantial and attractive structure, with up-to-date furnishings, and modern equipment throughout, with late model screw door safes, with triple time locks, substantial vaults, and safety deposit vaults, in fact, is an institution of which the town and county should be proud. The deposits run from one hundred and fifty thousand to one hundred and eighty thousand dollars, loans and discounts about one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and a general banking business is carried on. The board of directors are W. J. DeVol, A. Wysong, B. F. Coombs, all of Lebanon; J. S. Wilden, M. P. Riner, R. D. Billingsly, and C. M. Day.

See statement of bank in chapter on Banks and Banking.

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#### THE BOSS MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

The name of the Boss Manufacturing Company of Lebanon is familiarly known over the middle states and has done much to increase the prestige of Boone county abroad and the county is indeed fortunate in having such a flourishing and important institution within her borders.

The firm manufactures working men's gloves, putting out the most durable, best and cheapest article of its kind to be found in the markets of the present day and it has therefore proven a great boon to humanity, and filled a long-felt want. A special glove is designed for corn huskers, thus saving much annoyance and even suffering to the husbandman in harvesting his corn crop. The plant of this famous concern has been located in Lebanon since December 1, 1911. It is equipped with every modern appliance and con-

venience necessary to such an institution and convenient and sanitary quarters are occupied. Eight skilled workmen are constantly employed and this number is increased during busy seasons. But this is only one of twenty-three factories of a similar nature, which this firm maintains at different points all over the country, each being equally busy and flourishing.

The superintendent and principal moving spirit of the Lebanon plant is Walter H. Brosar, who was born in Jackson township, Boone county, Indiana, November 24, 1888. He is a son of John E. and Malissa L. (Logan) Brosar, the father a native of Decatur county, this state, and the mother was born in Sugar Creek township, this county. John E. Brosar came to Boone county when a young man and located on a farm in Jackson township. After remaining there several years he conducted a general store at the village of Max for a period of five years, or until he was burned out, after which he moved to Lebanon and became a member of the police force, on which he remained about five years, then secured employment as assistant ticket agent at the interurban station here, which position he held six years, then became local agent for Boone county for the Public Savings Insurance Company, which embraces both life and accident insurance.

To John E. Brosar and wife the following children were born: Walter H., of this review; Ethel married Garfield Pollard; Jennie married Lon Comlinson, of Billings, Montana; Samuel and Ernest are both at home, as is also Ola, the youngest child.

Walter H. Brosar was reared in his native community and received his education in the public schools. He began working at the Gregg Glove Company's plant (which has been succeeded by the Boss Manufacturing Company) when he was seventeen years of age, and, being quick of perception and a willing worker he made rapid progress. After four months he was promoted to the laying table and tying cut gloves five months later he became a cutter which he worked at for five and one-half years, being regarded as a very skilled, rapid and artistic workman. On December 21, 1912, he was promoted to superintendent of the local plant and this responsible position he continues to hold, discharging his duties in an eminently able and praiseworthy manner, entirely satisfactory to all concerned. He has instituted many important changes in the local plant and has greatly increased its volume of business. Its products, as indeed are all the products of the Boss

factory, being of a superior quality and workmanship, are eagerly sought after.

Mr. Brosar was married August 20, 1912 to Lottie C. Benger, a native of Illinois, and a daughter of Charles H. and Lottie C. Benger, both natives of Indiana.

Politically, Mr. Brosar is a Progressive and in religious matters he belongs to the Central Christian church, serving as a Sunday school teacher a year.

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#### BENJAMIN F. HAWKINS.

Among the most progressive and substantial agriculturists and stock men of Boone county is Benjamin F. Hawkins, who is now living in retirement in Whitestown, Worth township, spending his declining years in quiet and comfort, a man who has so lived that he can say in the twilight of his years that he is satisfied with his existence. He does not present any exceptional experience; he merely reflects the sentiments of a large number of the noble, silent men, scattered here and there, who silently think and silently work and whose achievements no newspaper chronicles. Carlyle, the great English author, tells us that these men are the salt of the earth, and adds, "A country that has none or few of these is in a bad way. Like a forest which had no roots; which had all turned into leaves and boughs; which must soon wither and be no forest. And woe for us if we had nothing but what we can show."

Mr. Hawkins comes of a fine old Southern family and evidently inherited many praiseworthy traits from them. He was born in Marion county, Virginia, in 1849, and is a son of Simeon H. and Eliza Ann Hawkins. Grandfather Hawkins was an Englishman and he married a French woman. Our subject's maternal grandfather was born in Germany and from that country, where her ancestors on both sides had long resided, she emigrated to America. The parents of our subject were both born in what is now West Virginia, but was at that time a part of the Old Dominion. There they were reared and married and established their future home and there the father's death occurred about 1888.

Benjamin F. Hawkins grew to manhood in Virginia and there received his education in the common schools. Later he came to Indiana and settled

in the southern part of Worth township, Boone county, where he began farming and became owner of two hundred acres of fine land which he brought up to a high state of cultivation and improvement and which he still owns, and for many years he ranked among the leading agriculturists of Boone county. On his place is to be seen a handsome residence and large barns and outbuildings and always a good grade of live stock, but about nine years ago he retired from the active work of the farm and removed to Whitestown where he now resides in one of the best homes in the township. He keeps his farm rented, merely overseeing it in a general way. He has spent over a thousand dollars in improvements on his place during the past two years.

After locating in Boone county and becoming well established here, Mr. Hawkins returned to Virginia, for his bride, Nancy Meyers, who was born in Virginia and there grew to womanhood and was educated. She is a daughter of a highly respected family of Virginia.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, named as follows: Eunice J., thirteen years of age; Myrtle M., ten years old; and Gleona, who is now eight years old. They are all attending school, at this writing in Whitestown.

Fraternally, Mr. Hawkins belongs to the Masonic Order.

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#### DR. J. E. TUCKER'S POLAND-CHINA HOGS.

On another page of this volume may be found a sketch of Dr. J. E. Tucker, well known citizen of Elizaville, Boone county, Indiana, in which article mention is made of his fine hogs which he keeps on his farm at that place and which receive what attention he can spare from his large practice as a general physician. These hogs have no superiors and not a large number of peers in the Middle West of this particular breed, and the annual sales which the owner has held during the past eight years on his big type Poland-Chinas, have attracted widespread attention and been well attended, and the bidding very spirited, some of his choicest hogs bringing fancy prices. His last sale was held October 18, 1913, when he sold forty-five head of high type, big quality Poland-Chinas, that compared favorably with the best, and the sale was greatly appreciated by those wanting the most profitable strain of hogs, which were of the most popular big type blood lines as they repre-

sented the A Wonders, Big Orange and Victor blood lines on the sire's side and Crow's Special, Major Hadley, Big Price Victor and other good ones on the dam's side. He has always made an effort to grow his pigs so they will make good in the breeding pens where the profit is. Those who attend these sales even if they do not make a purchase feel that they have been greatly benefited, for they always learn something of value to the stock raiser and farmer. All his hogs are guaranteed, and if any breeders fail, satisfactory settlements are made, if complaints are made within sixty days after sale. He does not guarantee boars that are allowed to run with herd, and nothing is guaranteed that sells under twenty dollars. It is his custom to crate all hogs to be shipped and deliver them at Lebanon free of charge. He entertains all parties from a distance at his expense when attending his sales. He always employs expert field men and auctioneers.

Dr. Tucker's three famous boars are, Orange Giant 86887—herd boar—farrowed March 18, 1912. Big Orange, Orange Chief 38226, Miss Longfellow 3d 138041; Black Giantess 2d 147005. Pawnee Dad 30853. Black Giantess 115623. Bred by J. O. James, Bradyville, Iowa. Ten in litter. He is the deep-boned kind and has proven to be a sire of the right sort. Victor Price 84331—herd boar—farrowed February 22, 1911. Litter of twelve. Victor 146513, Big Victor 130559. Big Maid 316294; Miss Anna Price 1st. Surprise Chief 2d 55519, Miss Anna Price 121765 bred by G. W. Sefrit, Lucas, Iowa. Victor Price is a large hog with good blood lines clear back of him on both sides; he has a good coat, good back and heavy bone and he is siring the good ones. A Wonder, Jr., 81009, herd boar, farrowed May 7, 1911; A Wonder 107353. Long Wonder 85533. Molly Fair 246474; Big Giantess 178142. Big Price 40066, Matchless Giantess 127621; bred by Henry Fesenmeyer, Claudio, Iowa. Litter of eight. Wonder is one of the big size, good quality, big boned, good colored sons of old A Wonder, and is breeding true to his great ancestor.

It would require a small volume to go into detail regarding each of the high-grade hogs owned by Mr. Tucker, most of them being, however, descendants of the above mentioned hogs, and suffice it to say that they are all of such superior quality as to be greatly admired by everyone interested in this kind of live stock, and all who have made purchases of the Doctor's fine stock in the past have had the best of results and have been well pleased in every respect.

## SAMUEL R. CARTER.

Endowed with a liberal share of good common sense and possessing sound judgment, backed by a well founded purpose to succeed, Samuel R. Carter, for many years one of our leading farmers who is now living in retirement in Thorntown, Boone county, has labored with the object primarily in view of making a good home for himself and family and acquiring a competency for his declining years. This laudable desire has been realized, and he is in what we sometimes call "easy circumstances," with a sufficient surplus for the proverbial "rainy day," which sooner or later comes to every individual, and which, when not provided for, results in at least much inconvenience, if not downright suffering. It is perhaps possible for every able-bodied young man to prepare against such a time, but some, instead of doing so, trust to luck, which is an elusive and capricious thing, a mere marsh-light, and so, believing in the optimism of the future, they spend all of the present. Mr. Carter, it seems, has been wiser and his prudence has urged him to pursue a different course, which, all contemplative minds will agree, is wiser, and therefore his example is to be commended to the younger generation, whose destinies are yet matters for future years to determine and who are hesitating at the parting of the ways, apparently unable to determine which course it were better to pursue.

Mr. Carter was born in Hendricks county, Indiana, December 28, 1843. He is a son of Harlan and Ester (Seawright) Carter, the former born in 1807 in Butler county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents, Mortica and Mary Ann (Wilson) Carter, were natives of Pennsylvania. The parents of our subject married in Ohio and in 1834 came to Clinton county, Indiana, where they remained until 1841, when they moved to Hendricks county. They owned land on which the present city of Frankfort is built. This land was sold by the elder Carter to his brother-in-law, William Seawright. The former was in the mercantile business in Frankfort for a number of years, also in Hendricks county. In the last named county he owned a large farm and was a prominent man of affairs there in the early days, and he served as a commissioner in that county for twenty-one years successively. He owned four hundred acres of valuable farming land about thirteen miles from Indianapolis, to which city he removed in 1879, and there operated a flouring

mill with John Carlisle for a year. He was a successful man of affairs and widely known in central Indiana in the early days. His death occurred in 1880, his widow surviving until 1891. They were the parents of the following children: Mary Ann, now deceased; married John Johnson; John V. was drowned when fourteen years old; Nancy married Dr. T. P. Seller, is now a widow and lives in Indianapolis; Dr. W. J. lives in Indianapolis; Adeline married Henry Parker and they are both now deceased; Lydia is the widow of George Guthrie, and lives in Indianapolis; Luren is the widow of C. G. Beck and lives in Huron, California; Dr. H. Wilson is deceased; and Samuel R., of this sketch, who was the seventh child in order of birth.

Our subject remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age. He had received his education in the district schools and in the Normal at Danville, Indiana, and in that city on August 7, 1862 he proved his patriotism by enlisting in Company K, Seventieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, being in a regiment commanded by Benjamin Harrison, who later became a general and finally President of the United States. Our subject served with the army in Kentucky and Tennessee, taking part in the battle at Russellville, Kentucky, and while making a bayonet charge was overheated in October, 1862. This rendered him unfit for further service in the army, much to his regret, and on November 28th of that year he was discharged from the service owing to disability. But determined to serve his country, he, in the spring of 1863, formed a regiment of state guards in Hendricks county, of which he became first lieutenant, subject to call at any time by the state. He was summoned to camp several times, and was in several skirmishes and assisted in repelling Morgan's raid into Indiana. He was mustered out at the close of the war and was honorably discharged.

In 1867 he went to Neosho county, Kansas, where he homesteaded, entered and purchased four hundred acres of good land, all prairie except eighty acres of timber. He set to work with a will improving his land and carried on general farming and cattle raising with pronounced success.

Mr. Carter was married on December 23, 1872, to Margaret G. Buchanan, who was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of James and Mary A. (Gregg) Buchanan, both natives of Pennsylvania.

In the spring of 1873 Mr. Carter sold his holdings in Kansas and came to Indianapolis, where he lived one year. In the spring of 1876 he bought a farm in Sugar Creek township, Boone county, and this he operated with his

usual success until 1890. This place consists of one hundred and sixty acres and was brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation by Mr. Carter. In 1890 he rented his fine farm and moved to Thorntown, where he bought a dwelling which he remodeled into a modern home and here he has since lived in retirement, but has retained his farm. He has been very successful in a business way, having managed well and applied himself closely. He is a director in the Home National Bank of Thorntown, and has other local interests.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Carter has been without issue. Politically, he is a Republican, and has long been more or less influential in party affairs. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, post at Lebanon. Fraternally he holds membership in the Masonic Order, Lodge No. 113, at Thorntown. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been elder since 1908. He is a man of fine personal characteristics, genial, obliging and straightforward in his relations with his fellow-men.

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#### CHARLES D. DAILY.

Charles D. Daily is a native of New Carlisle, Ohio, where he was born in 1856, the youngest son of Charles R. Daily and the brother of Americus C. Daily, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. Mr. Daily, our subject, was but a young man when he came from New Carlisle, Ohio, to Boone county, where he finished his education and began life in earnest by accepting a position in the telegraph office in Lebanon, where he learned telegraphy and at which he worked for a series of years, the greater part of the time in the employment of the Big Four railroad proving himself a conscientious and a worthy employee. After a series of years in this line, he was offered employment by his brother, Americus C. Daily, who was then president of the Lebanon National Bank, which position he accepted and became a very capable employee of the bank with which he remained until it surrendered its charter. Mr. Daily has continued to reside in Lebanon, where he has reared his family and is surrounded by the comforts for which his years of toil have provided and is respected by all who know him.

## MAJ. H. G. HAZELRIGG.

Harvey G. Hazelrigg was a native of Kentucky, where he passed the days of his youth and acquired his education. After reaching manhood's years, he served with honor in the Legislature of his native state, and subsequently removed to Boone county, Indiana, locating on a farm about half way between Lebanon and Thorntown. He had not resided long in this county ere his eminent ability attracted attention and he was solicited by his friends to become a candidate for Representative in the Legislature of Indiana. Being financially embarrassed at the time, he declined; but, as his friends insisted and offered him necessary assistance, he finally consented to make the canvass. Although he had a strong opposition to contend with, he was elected by a good majority, and immediately became a leader in the House, taking an active part in all the important measures before the Legislature. He was a Whig during the existence of that party, and upon the organization of the Republican party, embraced its principles and entered at once into earnest labor in its behalf.

Although reared amid the influences of slavery, he detested the institution and was in favor of measures for its abolition. He was a warm admirer of Henry Clay and coincided most heartily with his views on this subject. At the expiration of his term as Representative, he became a candidate for the state Senate. The Senatorial district was composed of the counties of Boone, Hamilton and Tipton, in which his opponents were largely in the majority. It was hoped, however, that his well known popularity would still render him successful. There was a strong element in Hamilton county as well as in Boone known as the "Free-Soilers," and composed largely of members of Friends. They charged that Major Hazelrigg had not voted strongly against pro slavery measures, whilst in the Kentucky Legislature, and accordingly brought forward a third man in the hope of defeating him. This plan proved successful and the Democratic candidate was elected by a small majority.

Upon the organization of the LaFayette & Indianapolis Railroad Company, Major Hazelrigg became a stockholder and was immediately chosen as one of the directors. He was soon afterward appointed as collector to collect the stock subscriptions due the company, performing his work in a highly creditable manner. His ability as a collector has never been surpassed

by anyone connected with this road. After the completion of this road, he was chosen to act as its purchasing agent, and continued in this office as well as that of director, until its consolidation with the Indianapolis & Cincinnati railroad. In every position he proved himself of invaluable service to the company. His remuneration was commensurate with his ability and management. When he first entered the service of the company, he possessed but a small amount of property and upon retiring therefrom had amassed a fine estate through the emoluments derived from the road, and their prudent investment in profitable enterprises.

He engaged as a banker and a broker with Judge L. C. Daugherty and Elijah Sims and continued in this business until the date of his decease. He possessed a voice which was winning and persuasive and at the same time fully under his control. The subject of Freemasonry was one of his favorite themes and upon this subject he was learned and eloquent. He was the founder of the Masonic lodge at Lebanon as well as at Thorntown, and his interest in the order and his untiring labors in its behalf made him dear to the hearts of his brethren and associates.

In his early life he studied law in Kentucky and for a number of years was a practicing attorney, but abandoned the profession after his removal to Indiana. His physical and personal appearance, as well as his address was of the highest order and he was one who would be marked and noticed among a large assembly: and while kind and courteous to all, he still possessed a native dignity which commanded respect and repelled undue familiarity.

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#### MRS. NANCY A. JARRELL.

Miss Nancy A. Pitsnagle was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1824, and died at her home in Thorntown, Indiana, May 17, 1914, aged eighty-nine years, four months and twenty days. In 1827, she with her parents moved to Liberty, Indiana, and in 1840, at the age of sixteen, she was united in marriage to Lorenzo D. Jarrell, of Lexington, Kentucky. The next year the bride and groom moved to Thorntown where they as a family have resided continuously, until by death were transplanted to Canaan land. Mr. Jarrell passed over near a score of years ago.

For over three score and thirteen years she was a citizen of Thorntown. She has witnessed its growth and history from almost the beginning to the present time. Her life and sympathy has been devoted to its best interests through all these years. She and her husband in the early days helped to build the roads, school houses and churches. They saw the red man vanish and the forests fall before the woodman's ax. She knew from experience what pioneer life meant. In the midst of its privations and sacrifices she gave birth to nine children, five sons and four daughters, and best and most noble of all she was a beautiful and true mother and devoted her life to the welfare of her children. When the war cloud arose and her sons were just strengthening into manhood, she gave three of them for the salvation of her country. They went forth to battle, one fell, William died of wounds received at Selma, Alabama; James and John died previous to the mother. Not only her sons, but also her heart was in the front ranks of the army and anxious to help and send relief wherever she could. The son, Edwin, is in Kansas, and was unable to be at the funeral. The two youngest daughters, Mattie and Sadie, have stayed with their mother and devotedly administered to her wants during her declining years and helplessness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell united with the Christian church many years ago and were always very active in good works.

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#### JOHN CLARK RIDPATH.

John Clark Ridpath, the historian, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, April 26, 1840. His father and mother were both Virginians from Christiansburg. He died in New York City, July 31, 1900 and was interred at Greencastle, Indiana. He was married December 21, 1862, to Hannah R. Smythe at Greencastle, Indiana. He graduated at Asbury University, in the class of 1863; was professor in the Thorntown Academy, 1863-1866. His entire life was devoted to literature. From 1874 to 1893, he wrote several Histories of the United States, viz: Academic, Popular, Grammar School, Columbian and four volumes of Cyclopedias of Universal History; also the lives of James Garfield, James G. Blaine, Napoleon Bonaparte, Bishop William Taylor and many others, including a library of Universal Literature. His entire life

was devoted to arduous literary toil, producing some work each year, besides lectures and articles for periodicals. He was a great worker. It is said that in producing the *Cyclopaedia of Universal History*, that he stuck to his task for seventeen months, without intermission and at the end was in nowise fagged. This work is in four octavo volumes, extending to more than three thousand pages and illustrated by maps and charts, portraits and sketches. His last and greatest work was "*Great Races of Mankind*," dedicated to his wife. This work appears not only in the current four-volume edition, but also in an eight-volume edition de luxe of unusual elegance. Almost every page of "*Great Races*" shows the author's vigor of thought, sound logic and the firm working of the historical imagination. There is in the style that living light which illuminates each paragraph and flashes into the readers' understanding. For the rest, the miscellaneous writings of this industrious and capable writer can hardly be enumerated. His incidental pieces are found in journalism, scattered far and wide.

In April, 1891, Doctor Ridpath was honored by the people with a notable celebration of his semi-centennial anniversary, which was one of the most brilliant affairs of this nature ever known in the west. His literary friends and admirers throughout the land contributed to its eclat. The Del'auw rostrum was dignified by the presence of over two hundred of the most distinguished literary men and women in the Mississippi valley. President J. P. D. John, of DePauw, presided. The principal address of the evening was given by the veteran orator, Richard W. Thompson, ex-secretary of the navy. The presentation speech was by ex-Governor Cumback, of Indiana. Tributes were sent from all parts of the country including Canada and several places in Europe. Minister Terrell, representing the United States at Brussels, who had been Doctor Ridpath's student in International Law, headed the foreign contributors. The poets, James Whitcomb Riley, Coates Kinney, James Newton Matthews, Madison Cawein, Evaleen Stein, Alonzo H. Davis, and many others sent special poems. Several leading artists contributed original sketches. All of these tributes were collated, and published as a memorial of the occasion, making two volumes of nine hundred pages each.

Four years of the active formative period of the life of Doctor Ridpath, where he received his training for his useful career were spent in Boone county, in faithful service in the Thorntown Academy. To Mr. and Mrs. Ridpath were born three daughters and one son, all reared, and graduated

from DePauw University: Minnie Claire Thayer, born November 8, 1865, in Thorntown, Indiana; Mary L. Mann, born September 19, 1867, at Lawrenceburg, Indiana; Clark Edward Rulpath, lawyer at Greenfield, was born May 28, 1871, in Greencastle, Indiana; Myrtle Vivian Cook, born April 24, 1879, in Greencastle, Indiana. These children inherited many of their father's and mother's talents and many of their traits.

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#### REV. C. N. SIMS.

Charles N. Sims was born in Union county, Indiana, May 18, 1835. His father and mother were of the Methodist Episcopal faith. They were simple farming people, of the sturdiness and strength of character that fitted them for pioneer life in making a home in the new country. From his earliest days Charles N. Sims was accustomed to toil, and it was in the strenuous farm work, at the plow, in the harvest field and in working out timber, clearing up new acres for cultivation, that he acquired the rugged plainness of manner and action that characterized him through life.

During his boyhood his home was the stopping place for all the itinerant Methodist preachers who passed that way, and among these was the eloquent pioneer in Methodism, the Rev. John P. Durbin, who took special notice of young Sims and encouraged him in his aspirations to become a minister. Young Sims was a studious and thoughtful boy, and required no spur to his ambition.

When seventeen years old he began to teach school, giving his nights and leisure time to study to prepare himself to enter Indiana Asbury University (now DePauw), from which he was graduated in 1859. Two years previously, as a student, he had entered the Methodist ministry as a probationer in the North Indiana Conference.

Before the end of his senior year in college he was appointed principal of Thorntown Academy, a leading Indiana Methodist preparatory school, 1857-59, married August 12, 1858 to Miss Eliza A. Foster, of Tippecanoe county, Indiana. In 1860 he became president of the Valparaiso (Indiana) Male and Female College. In 1862 he was called to the Pearl-street church in Richmond, Indiana, following which charge he took one in Wabash, going

from there to Evansville, where Trinity church, a pretentious structure, was erected under his pastorate.

His next charge was the most important he had held up to that time. This was the Meridian street M. E. church, at the southwest corner of Meridian and New York streets, a site now occupied by the Central Telephone building. It was during his first pastorate there that that church was erected. He subsequently served the church a second time. From that charge, to the regret of a congregation that had become greatly endeared to him and recognized in him not only a man of the most beautiful Christian character, but a pulpit orator of great power, he was called to the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Madison avenue church. He then served successively at St. Paul's, Newark, New Jersey; at the Brooklyn and Summerfield churches, Brooklyn.

He was preaching at the last named church when he went to Syracuse, November 17, 1880, the board of trustees of Syracuse University having unanimously elected him successor to Chancellor F. O. Haven, who had resigned to become bishop.

At commencement, 1881, the new chancellor was installed. He found the university in a financial crisis. The entire institution was comprised within one hall of languages on the campus. He took hold with determination. The board of trustees was increased so that the university might have representation in a great many directions, and particularly did the new chancellor interest New York men.

Before going to Syracuse, and after his election, he obtained a large sum of money in gifts to the institution. It was through him that the late John Crouse gave an endowment for the erection of what is now one of the finest college buildings in the country—the John Crouse Memorial College for Women, now used as a college of fine arts. A fine astronomical observatory was put up by E. F. Holden, and the famous German Von Ranke library was housed.

When the trustees said they would not undertake to build a gymnasium, the chancellor obtained permission, and raised the cash by personal solicitation, and though his own subscription was already liberal, he filled out the cost from his pocket.

In 1859, Ohio Wesleyan conferred upon him the degree of A. M., and DePauw made him a D. D. in 1870 and an LL. D. in 1882. Though the greater part of his time was spent in travel in the interest of his college, he

also held the chair of English literature. In 1884 was commissioner to Onondaga Indians and 1888 he was delegate to the General Conference.

He had retired from Syracuse University and was living on his farm at Liberty, this state, when the management of the Methodist Hospital tendered him the position of field secretary. He was loath to accept this position, as he felt that the burden of years had come upon him and he desired to spend his closing years on his farm. But the call so appealed to him, to his spirit of philanthropy that he accepted and entered upon his arduous work with his old-time enthusiasm and he put forth all his energies in the obtaining of funds to carry forward to success this great hospital.

The Western Christian Advocate, commenting on the selection of Dr. Sims as general secretary of the Methodist Hospital, speaking of his ability as a "money-raiser," said:

"He was called to the chancellorship of Syracuse University November 17, 1880, as the successor of Dr. E. O. Haven, who had been elected to the episcopate. He found the university financially incumbered, and during his administration of thirteen years he reduced its indebtedness from \$172,700 to \$68,600. He increased its assets \$1,200,000, added new departments, broadened and strengthened old ones and gave the institution university scope and character."

Doctor Sims was pastor of the Meridian street M. E. church in Indianapolis, in 1867 and 1868 and for eight months in 1869 and 1870, and was then transferred to the Baltimore Conference. His second pastorate in this church was from 1893 to 1898.

He succeeded the Rev. Dr. William R. Halstead as field secretary of the Methodist hospital and retired on account of the weight of years and failing health, much to the regret of the trustees of that institution. He was succeeded temporarily by Doctor Merico, a layman of South Bend, who was succeeded by the Rev. Dr. W. D. Parr, of Kokomo.

During his last illness, knowing, but not fearing, that death was near, Dr. Sims said: "It is just as good as it can be. I am surrounded by loving friends and remembrances. I have had a long and happy life, crowned by more or less of success, so it is not a matter of regret or for mourning that, having done my work, I am closing it up."

Dr. Sims was survived by his widow and three daughters—Mrs. Stella Hemenway, of Zionsville, wife of a retired minister; Mrs. Lida Mills, of

Fairfield, this state, also wife of a retired minister, and Mrs. Mary Parker, of Syracuse, New York, whose husband is dean of the medical department of Syracuse University.

Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, pays the following beautiful tribute to Dr. Charles N. Sims, who died in Liberty, Indiana, on March 27, 1908: "He was one of the most intellectual and tireless workers I have ever known. His mind reached out for great enterprises. He is dead ten years before his time because he had no mercy for himself. When he became chancellor of this university the institution was in serious straits because of the hard times. He made no division of day and night, but worked endlessly, interesting men in the institution. The buildings that represent his work are the Crouse College, the Von Ranke library, the Holden observatory, and the present gymnasium. He also completed the construction of the Hall of Languages. Beside building up the university in this manner he added several hundred thousand dollars to the endowment.

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#### JOHN J. GOLDSBERRY.

John J. Goldsberry, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Landsaw) Goldsberry, was born in Ross county, Ohio, February 3, 1827. His parents moved to Boone county in the year 1832, settling in Washington township. The hero of our sketch was just four years old, when he began to fight the battle of life in the woods of Boone county. He knew what it was to begin at the beginning and work to develop a new country. All the hardships and privations of pioneer life were before him. His long life proved that he was made of the stuff that could endure and hold his end of the handspike at all log rollings and take his place at the raising of a cabin and carry up his corner. His push and energy put him at the forefront of every enterprise and he became experienced in all the trials and hardships that devolved upon a good and willing citizen in a new country. Through the experience of his early manhood, he could tell enough stories of its incidents to make a book and it would all be interesting reading for those of this generation who know little of those who framed and laid the foundations of the county.

Mr. Goldsberry was one of the real pioneers and his stories were in keep-

ing with the stories of all his co-laborers in the building of Boone. The battle against the wild woods and the swamps, against the miasmas and inconveniences of poor roads, limited means and real comforts of life. He was married October 15, 1859, to Miss Josina Hebb, who was born in Monongahela county, Virginia, October 15, 1832. To this union were born four children: Joseph L., Clement L., Josina and Belle—the three latter are deceased; Joseph L., married Miss Ferguson and lives in Clinton county just across the county line from the old homestead. Mrs. Goldsberry died March 11, 1865. Mr. Goldsberry was remarried November 19, 1865 to Hannah M. Goldsberry, a very distant relative, of Ross county, Ohio. To this union were born Annie B., Alma A., Amos A.; and Jessie C., who died June 22, 1874. All the deceased members of the family were buried in Brush Creek cemetery, Washington township. Mrs. Hannah M. Goldsberry passed over the river April 15, 1905 and Mr. Goldsberry joined the company on the other side on August 19, 1910.

Mr. Goldsberry came paternally of sturdy German ancestors and of an old colonial Virginia family. Thomas Goldsberry, grandfather of our subject was born in Virginia, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Putnam, a relative of the famous Israel Putnam of Revolutionary fame. This family were among the very earliest settlers of Massachusetts and Connecticut and were of old English Puritan stock. General Rufus Putnam, brother of Israel Putnam, was the founder of Marietta, Ohio, which was the first town in the state of Ohio.

There were born to the grandparents of our subject, Thomas and Elizabeth Goldsberry, ten children: Jacob, Thomas, Susan, John, Mary, Matilda, Peter, Abraham, Isaac and Eliza, all born in Virginia or Ohio. Thomas moved in a very early day after the Revolutionary war to Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and settled on Hogg Point, where he developed a farm. His brother owned and kept the ferry at that time and was killed by lightning. The western fever seized Mr. Thomas Goldsberry, the grandfather of our subject and early in the 19th century he moved to the state of Ohio, settling at Chillicothe, where he kept a tavern, near which place he built the first grist mill in that part of the state. Later he traded the mill for four hundred acres of land. Here he farmed for a few years when in 1831, he moved to Boone county, Indiana, settling on a farm on Sugar creek, northeast of Thorntown. He got a deed from "Old Hickory" for one hundred and sixty acres of land,

set himself to hewing down the native forest and reared a log cabin in which to rear and protect his family of ten children until 1840, when he sold this farm and lived with his son. In the fall of that year, he died of erysipelas at the good ripe age of eighty years. He was an honest, hard working pioneer. The latchstring of his cabin was always hung out, for any one to pull. All of his children married and raised families. His son, Peter, represented Tippecanoe county in the Indiana Legislature in 1852. The aged widow of Thomas Goldsberry died in Tippecanoe county, survived by ten children, fifty-three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Thomas Goldsberry, son of the above and father of our subject, was born at Harper's Ferry in 1800. He was reared a farmer and married in Ross county, Ohio, to Elizabeth Landsaw of that county, and to them were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy. The remaining six were William, John, Mary, Sarah, Jacob and Susan. The first three were born in Ohio and the last three were born in Indiana. Mr. Goldsherry, in 1831, moved to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where Sarah was born, and in the fall of that year he moved to Boone county and entered one hundred and eighteen acres of land in Sugar Creek and Washington townships. He cleared this and erected a hewed log house, where he died August 4, 1860, at the age of sixty years. He was a great hunter and as turkey and deer were plentiful in those early days, he abundantly supplied his table. He was a shoemaker by trade, made a good living and was a substantial citizen. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Methodist church, in which he was a class leader and steward, and he was also a liberal supporter of his church. The itinerant Methodist preacher of those days made his home at his house. He was held in kindly esteem by all who knew him and reared a good family.

It might be interesting to this generation to know how great-grandfather Goldsberry came to Boone county in 1831. There were no roads at that date. We must remember that Johnny was a little boy at that time, only about four years old, and his father and grandfather came to Indiana together, not in the cars, for there were none. The story has been handed down to the family that they came in two wagons. We must remember that there was quite a bunch of them. The father came in an ordinary wagon, drawn by two horses, while the grandfather and his family were in a larger wagon drawn by two yoke of oxen. The men and larger boys walked and

the women and smaller children rode in the wagons when tired. They did not say what road they came over, for at that time there was no choice of roads. They must have come to Indiana over the National road as far as Indianapolis, then into Boone county over the Michigan or the Indianapolis and Lafayette road, most probably the latter, as it was in direct line towards the end of their journey. Neither was much of a road at that date. They were merely cut outs, yet full of stumps, bogs and corduroy over the marsh places. There were no bridges over the streams.

Just think a bit how we travel today over nice roads in carriages, automobiles, traction and steam coaches, going one hundred miles, while they could only travel five. It was slow going. It took them weeks to make the journey. There were no taverns. When they stopped for the night, they would have to build a camp fire and sleep in the wagons and on the ground, or most any way to pass the night. The only pleasant feature about the journey was, they could have plenty of fresh meat, for game was plenty along the road side and it helped to garnish many a scanty meal of coffee and bread—Johnny-cake at that. The entire trip was full of incidents that impressed the minds of the children, so that they could relate them in after years. There were great difficulties to overcome in the bad roads, in the fording of streams, that filled the parents' hearts with great anxiety, lest harm would befall them. By great care and watchfulness, they made the entire trip in safety and all landed at their destination in good shape.

It was in the spring of the year when they came to Indiana, when the roads are at their worst and the streams are swollen. How these brave venturesome people got through seems a mystery to us in our day and age. Early in the fall of the same year, Thomas, father of our hero, moved back to Boone county. It was drier now and the roads were better and besides, there were plenty of nuts by the road side, which furnished food for the stock, and many a dainty feast for the young folks as well as the older.

We have now got the parents, grandparents, the uncles and aunts and the little boy into Hoosierdom; it will be in order to take up the story of the latter and tell how he became full-fledged and grew into manhood and became a useful citizen. You see there is a lad here out of whom we are to make a *man* and a useful citizen. In this age of Boone county we are inclined to think that a boy did not have much chance in the days of little Johnny Goldsberry. We look at our splendid farms, beautiful homes, good

roads, excellent schools, luxurious churches, carriages, steam and trolley coaches, automobiles and flying machines and we say down in our hearts that we do not see how they got along back in the woods, when they did not have any of these things. Just think of it, they did not have any telephones or telegraphs in that day or a mail oftener than once a week. If Mr. Goldsberry wanted to have a log rolling and wished his neighbors to come in and help, he could not step to the telephone before breakfast and call up the whole neighborhood to come over and help a bit. All of you please come at sharp 9 A. M. and we can get done in an hour or so. We can't see for the life of us how they did live when they did not have any of these things. Why, it will take Johnny a whole week to go around and notify the neighbors about the log rolling; and look at the hard work it will be; and besides, if he has to do all that work, he will have no time to play ball or have any fun or good time. My, aren't you glad that you do not have to roll logs or split wood, or walk for miles through the woods to tell the folks a little word. We do not see how anybody could live in the woods and do all that work.

Hold on, boys, and let us tell you how Johnny got his work done and at the same time grew into a good and useful man and has been able to do much good in the world. Where did he go to school you ask? We can tell you right at the start that there was no high school in that day. There was not even a grade school. No brick house nor frame. There was no road to go to a school house if there had been a dozen in the neighborhood. He had to go through the woods, sometimes wade in water half knee deep, walk on logs zigzagging through the woods like a worm fence. You should have seen our school house. Round logs, clapboard roof, puncheon floor or dirt, a whole end for a fire place, split logs without backs for seats, greased paper for light, no writing desks, but a big lot of switches over the teacher's desk to aid in getting lessons when a stimulus was needed. This is a gloomy picture for a boy of our day. It will help us to understand, if we will look at the outcome from these adverse environments.

John Goldsberry, when a boy, went to a school house of the above style, to his uncle Joseph Caldwell. He there learned to spell every word in the little blue-backed spelling book. By the aid of the spelling matches held in the neighborhood, he became expert as a speller and could turn down rows of boys and girls and in this way mastered the art for that day and often was the last to quit the floor. He was not good in "arithmetric." It was not con-

sidered essential. After he came to manhood he mastered enough of it in five days to fit him for the demands of his business through life.

At the age of fourteen, he entered the business strife of life for a livelihood. He received for his services twelve and one-half cents per day for good faithful work. In course of time, when he could do a man's labor, his wages were increased to six dollars per month. At the age of twenty, his father remarried, so he left home and learned the carpenter's trade. He applied himself diligently to his business and was soon able to handle the saw, chisel and mallet skilfully and commanded a wage of fifteen dollars per month and board. He was now receiving a skilled man's wage and was soon able to take contracts of his own. He began to make and save money. At the age of thirty-one he was able to buy a farm of forty acres, paying seven hundred and fifty dollars for it. This was the nest egg for his home in Washington township. He was now in position to assume the responsibility of home building and married him a wife as stated in the opening of this sketch. He added gradually to his farm until he accumulated two hundred and eighteen acres of land with clear title. It is improved with substantial buildings and well tiled. In religious opinion, Mr. Goldsberry was very liberal, believing that everyone should be permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. In politics, he was a Democrat of the pure Jeffersonian school. In his latter days he became independent, affirming that the leaders had departed from the old landmarks of Jefferson. He was liberal in educational matters, advocating the advance of the school system and giving his children all educational advantages that the country would afford. He held the office of school director for many years and built the first brick school house in Washington township. He was a Mason, member of the Thorntown Lodge No. 113. He was also a member of the Farmer's Alliance of which he was an elector for three years. He was also one of the original Grangers of the county, thus demonstrating that he was a live coal in the community, and alert to every movement that had for its object the bettering the condition of the people.

In 1894, he was foreman of the grand jury, which did effective work. He was a man of patient industry, frugal in his habits and all through his long life was faithful in all relations of life to his home, his neighbors, his party and his country. He stood very high as a citizen, a man of intelligence

and knowledge and a gifted conversationalist. His knowledge of affairs, his wonderful memory gave to him a store house of knowledge and he could bring it to the front and put it on display at pleasure to himself and for the enlightenment and pleasure of others. He was a wide reader and his mind was stored with valuable information. He was a subscriber of the first newspaper published in the county, the "*Lebanon Pioneer*." Uncle John says that the first church built in Washington township was a Union meeting house and his mother wove cloth and sold it to pay for the sash for the windows and they had real glass for light.

The experience of Mr. Goldsberry is the experience of the generation of men that laid the foundations of Boone county, and in fact, the men that carved out the state of Indiana. The first fifty years in this state was a life of toil and sacrifice. That period covers the settlement and largely the material development of the state. The mud sills were laid, the roads cut out, streams bridged, farms cleared, school houses and churches erected, orchards planted, and homes established. All this while the citizens were fighting fevers and malarial diseases. They faced three financial disasters and fought the battles of Mexico and the Civil war. To do this great work required just such men as John J. Goldsberry—men of brawn and brain—men with a spirit that dared to do—men that faced the demands of the age in which they lived. In this day we say that they were uneducated. We are inclined to class all as such, that have not rubbed their backs against the walls of a college, or men who do not have a string of big letters strung after the name their mothers gave them. If this is the only sign of education, then the point is well taken. There may be some doubt about this. The real sign of an education that is worth having is the power to know things and to be able to *do* things. To fill your place in life and perform well your little part is proof of your qualification. To be able to stand in your place through life, to build a home, rear a family of honorable children and faithfully discharge all your duty to the public and faithfully discharge all trusts confided upon you is the full mission of life. It takes *arm, head and heart* to do all this work well. No one can say that an individual who can do this successfully is not educated. Many that possess what the world calls education often come short in these virtues. We do not wish to be misunderstood in these reflections upon education; but this rather, you can not make a truly educated person. All the schools in the land can not make an educated citizen. This

valued product can not be turned out like a factory turns out a plow or a wagon, a shining perfect model. It takes volition and application of the individual. There are some things that can not be bought nor transmitted, and an educated mind and heart is one of those precious jewels.

The first generation of men and women in Indiana had almost no school facilities as we have them today, yet, we venture that there were as large a per cent of them truly educated for life's duties and its accomplishments as there is today. Our grandmothers could hackle flax, card wool, spin flax or wool into fine thread, weave the cloth, cut and make it into garments, burnish the furniture and floor until it would shine like hard-wood finish. They were experts in the culinary art and knew all the laws about sanitary and economic cooking. They were skilled with the needle and could embroider and produce the most delicate fancy needle work. In addition to this, they knew how to doctor and kept an apothecary shop filled with pleasant sage, soothing catnip and bitter boneset. They could cure all the maladies and rear a regular orthodox family of ten or twelve romping boys and girls to manhood and womanhood.

Say, be real honest, can our generation with all its boasted improvements of schools, factories, science and art do any better? We can talk around the world now before breakfast and fly in the air like a bird; but will we be able to walk any farther in a life time than our forebears? With all these improvements, how many of us are ready to start out in life to duplicate the life work of our grandparents or even our parents? Why is it, in our day, with all this improvement and the machinery that we have to produce food, raiment, shelter and the necessaries of life, that it is more difficult to start out in life without anything and wage the battle of life? Life is so strenuous today that competition is feverish. We have no time to be social. How many would be willing to take a day off each week and go help a neighbor roll logs? Our venerable citizen, Wallace Hill, who was born in these woods, told us with his own lips that one season he attended log rollings one day a week for over a score of weeks in succession. We have no doubt but what George Coulson, William H. Millikan and James Darrough each would verify the story by saying, "me too," if we had time to interview them. And what would our venerable fellow citizen, Isaac Belles, who is older than the state of Indiana, and will reach his one hundredth anniversary next February,

be able to tell us about log rollings and pioneer life. We have eye witnesses and hand witnesses to these yet living among us, and can testify of its truth.

That we have made great improvements no one will question, but something has crept into our manners and customs that makes it harder to meet the demands of society than in the days of our fathers. We have laid aside some of the good old customs that we should have clung to tenaciously. It may be that the social fabric is a little rickety and needs a little tightening up, or there may be a leak in the bag somewhere that makes all this furor about the high cost of living. It might be well to look this matter over, and apply some of the unutilized wisdom towards righting the defects, and make things happier in our day or at least remove some of the embarrassment of our times. Some one has said that he who can make two blades of grass grow where only one now grows, would be a great benefactor to the human family. Men have been trying this and have fairly succeeded. Would it not be equally beneficial to the happiness of man, if some one would try his hand in trying to devise some way whereby the ordinary family could make one dollar go as far as two in supplying our wants. There must be a device to cut down the wants or there must be some way to supply them with less money. Who will step out and make this needed improvement? We have not time here to discuss economic ethics. There is one thing that is costing us lots of money that we should look sharply into. Are our schools of brick and stone as successful in preparing men and women for the real battle of life as the school in the woods was? This is a live question and will stir some blood when you try to solve it. When it is discussed, it may bring out what there was in the woods' school that has been left out of the modern school system. Hardship was one element. You know that we are trying every way to make things easy nowadays. Everybody is trying to find the shady side of the road and are just crazy for soft snaps. Mr. Jones will say, I want to give John and Mary a good education, so they will not have as hard a time as I have had. Suppose you stop and analyze this position of Mr. Jones and see where it will end. To teach your children that they should have an easy time means that Mary will be in the parlor while Mrs. Jones is in the kitchen, and John is snoozing in bed, while Mr. Jones is out feeding and building fires and doing other needed chores.

In a word, to teach the child that it is to bear none of the burdens of life, is to effeminate it and make it useless and worthless. To give it this lesson

at home and then send it to school to obtain an education is like going to the well after a pail of water with a big hole in the bottom of your pail. Long ago it was truly said that there is no excellence without great labor. To develop the intellect requires more real labor than to develop the body. If the body will become flabby without exercise the mind will become worse than flabby. "There is no royal road to wisdom." If a child is started in life with the idea that it is to do nothing, it will have the hardest time of mortals, for it is defying God, for he hath said, "By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat thy bread." Such a father would say that Mary has the best teacher that was ever in our school, she does not have to work any; the teacher kindly shows her everything. We wonder what the father would say if the teacher would eat Mary's dinner every day and let her starve? The teacher had better eat the dinner of the child than to do its thinking. The best thing about the woods' school was its hard work. The children were always employed. No time for idleness, no time to play. We have heard the saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Be that as it may, yet it is better than the other saying. "All play and no work gives the devil the advantage over Jack."

Work did not hurt John or any of the pioneers of Boone. It was through that schooling that they obtained the nerve and the stability of character that enabled them to so well discharge the duties of life. There is not a county in the state that was so hard to develop into beautiful homes and excellent farms as Boone. The hard work required to accomplish this great work, gave our people something better than splendid farms. It gave them splendid character that for a generation has made them shine with luster to this day. It is a rich heritage that has been passed from generation to generation and is evident in our citizenship to this day. Let us as worthy sons, hold on to this virtue as we would cling to life itself. Work is the inspiration of the soul that keeps us from gravitating into worthlessness. Of all the rich heritage that has come to us, there is nothing like the love of toil.









